

Vance stresses 'special ties' in 'friendly' talks with Allon



Foreign Minister Yigal Allon meeting yesterday with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at the U.S. embassy in London for a report on U.S. leaders' recent talks with Arab rulers. In back, between the two men, is Israel Ambassador to the U.S. Simcha Dinits. (UPI/telephoto)

State Department keeps up campaign against co-production

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Despite Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's efforts to reassure Israel, top State Department officials were telling U.S. senators yesterday that approval of an amendment favoring U.S. military co-production agreements with Israel would undermine America's current attempt to reconvene the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

Department officials, in explaining why they oppose such an amendment, said that its adoption would add an "unsettling" element to current U.S.-sponsored efforts to exert "even-handed" persuasion on the parties to return to the Geneva conference.

According to congressional sources here, the State Department has embarked on a campaign against approval of an amendment, co-sponsored by Senators Clifford Case (Republican-New Jersey) and Hubert Humphrey (Democrat-Minnesota), which calls upon the U.S. to give "sympathetic consideration" to Israel's requests for co-production agreements. That amendment was approved late last week by the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on foreign assistance, but the Administration is opposing its approval by the full committee, when it comes up, probably today or tomorrow.

The Administration is also opposing an amendment, co-sponsored by Senators Frank Church (Democrat-Idaho) and Jacob Javits (Republican-N.Y.), recommending that Israel receive preferential treatment in the supply of advanced weaponry.

Pro-Israel legislators yesterday dismissed Vance's public statements of reassurance in London and referred to the position being taken by the State Department against the Case-Humphrey and Church-Javits amendments.

Informal sources here said that the State Department was pointing to the "delicate" diplomatic situation in the Middle East and to the new Administration's commitment to limit severely future co-production agreements with foreign countries as the two major reasons why the Case-Humphrey amendment should be withdrawn.

In conversations with senators, top State Department officials said that the amendments would negatively affect these two major initiatives of the Carter Administration.

According to the State Department, the Case-Humphrey amendment "would erode our credibility as a negotiator" in the Middle East peace process, and would "complicate" the President's ongoing consultation efforts.

The department is also making the point that special co-production provisions for Israel would run counter to established U.S. policy, which presumes "case-by-case review" and which restricts co-production.

A confrontation between pro-Israel forces in the Congress and the Carter Administration has developed following reports that the new Administration wants to exclude Israel from the preferred-nation list of countries eligible for advanced-technology weapons and co-production. The two amendments in the Foreign Relations

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Salt negotiators meet in Geneva

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP). — U.S. and Soviet negotiators met yesterday to prepare resumption of the talks for limiting strategic nuclear arms.

Paul Warnke, director of the U.S. Arms Control Agency, called on Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Semenov at the Soviet mission for a first meeting of delegation heads.

The talks had gone into recess in November to allow time for the changes in the U.S. Administration and are expected to receive new impetus from the scheduled meeting here next week of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The Soviets rejected the U.S. government's arms control proposals during Vance's visit to Moscow in March.

The two superpowers are working against an October 3 deadline when SALT I, the 1972 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, expires. U.S. officials say they are hopeful a second agreement can be reached.

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday reiterated America's commitment to Israel and denied "press speculation" about any imposed settlement plan and arms supply curbs. The U.S. will ensure that Israel gets what it needs, he stressed.

Vance was speaking to newsmen at the U.S. Embassy here with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon at the end of their two-and-a-half hour working luncheon with their aides. The meeting was initiated by Vance, here for the Western summit with President Jimmy Carter.

The friendliness of the atmosphere at the working luncheon of Vance and Allon was confirmed by both sides. The meeting lasted an hour longer than planned and as one participant put it, "Even when it came to tough issues, the discussion was conducted with reasonable friendly argument. The basic thing — both sides know they are with friends and don't pull their punches."

It was a driver home to the U.S. that Israel represents 50 per cent of the participants in the Middle East dispute, and nothing can be done without its consent, certainly not by rushing it into anything, the participant said.

Vance's emphasis on America's commitment to Israel and his mentioning of the special relationship between the two democracies is considered to have much significance.

Diplomatic observers made note of Vance's reference to a special relationship in arms supplies, and to America's commitment to Israel's security. On top of that, the Secretary of State said on two occasions that the U.S. will "provide advanced technology as required" by Israel. By making these declarations, the participant said the Secretary has thus determined a special category for Israel in respect to arms supplies.

The U.S., meanwhile, was left in no doubt as to Israel's lack of enthusiasm for Carter's support for buffer zones and observers around its borders. Israel has left no shadow of doubt in the Americans' minds that such arrangements cannot substitute for defensible borders, but only be in addition to them. They have never been in doubt that there is no going back to the "green line," which can in no way be seen as providing a secure frontier.

The Americans were also appraised of the internal problems facing Israel in the immediate future, and Vance will await the formation of a new government before returning to the Middle East for his second round of talks.

Vance is due to meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko next week in Geneva (they are co-chairmen of the Mid-East Conference). The Americans are expected to advise to Dr. Henry Kissinger's policy of keeping the Soviets out of their Middle East peace-making efforts. The Russian leverage in the Middle East is seen to be continually declining.

The Americans went out of their way to observe kashrut at the meal and served a fish menu. Allon was accompanied by Ephraim Evron, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, Simcha Dinits, Israel Ambassador to Washington, and by his aide, Elyahu Kaslin.

Later in Madrid, on his way to meet Spain's King Juan Carlos, Vance said he "saw some signs of movement" in Middle East talks that show a "better understanding among the parties" of what each requires in a permanent peace.

"Don't let me exaggerate this... there's no major movement at this point," Vance told reporters.

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54 paratroopers and airmen die in helicopter crash near Jericho

Aircraft goes down minutes after take-off

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Military Correspondent

Fifty-four officers and men were killed on Tuesday night in the worst air accident in Israeli military history. The soldiers, 44 of them from a Paratroop formation and 10 in the Air Force, died instantaneously when a Sikorsky CH-53 helicopter crashed at 8:31 three kilometres north of Jericho. There were no survivors.

The men were taking part in a combined exercise which included paratroopers, helicopters and fighter aircraft, as well as units from the Engineers, Armoured and Artillery corps.

Chief of Staff Ravi Aluf Mordechai Gur has appointed a commission of inquiry, under Aluf Avraham Ori, a former commander of the Paratroop School and currently Coordinator of Activities in the Administered Territories. Other members on the commission are an ordnance officer, a legal expert and several Air Force investigators.

The Cabinet held an extraordinary session at 10 o'clock yesterday morning to be briefed on the disaster by the Chief of Staff and by OC Air Force Binyamin Peled. They answered ministers' questions. Yitzhak Rabin, who is formally on leave, attended. The Cabinet later issued the first announcement of the crash.

Gur said in Tel Aviv yesterday that the army had ruled out any possibility of enemy action or sabotage. The helicopter had taken off a few minutes behind schedule, after the pilot had ordered four soldiers off the craft to bring it down to the regulation load.

Two or three minutes after take-off, the aircraft suddenly crashed to the ground. According to eye-witnesses it rolled for a few metres, before bursting into flames some two kilometres from the take-off point.

While the army refuses to divulge any information on the findings before the commission completes its work, it is felt in some quarters, on the basis of the partial information available, that the most likely cause of the crash was human error. The CH-53 Sea Stallion in question was a relatively new aircraft with only 1,200 flight hours registered on its engine. The plane had been checked thoroughly, it was reported, and its load at the time of take-off was within specified safety limits.

The pilot, Seren Moshe Winer, 25, was a reservist with 1,600 hours helicopter flying time to his credit — 1,100 of them on Sea Stallions. He also had logged 300 night flying hours. Winer left active service a year ago and was studying at the Technion in Haifa.

Gur, who was at the site of the crash during the night, told reporters that the pilot had been in communication with ground control prior to takeoff and during initial stages of the flight. Military aircraft, he said, do not carry "black boxes" (carried in civilian aircraft and which record all in-flight information), but said that all conversations were recorded at ground control. At no time did the pilot of the helicopter indicate that anything was amiss, he said. The possibility that an explosion of ammunition carried by the troops aboard the craft caused the crash is discounted by the fact that the plane touched ground and skidded for several yards before exploding.

CH-53s have been in service with the Israeli Air Force since 1970. The later models of the plane can carry up to 80 fully-equipped troops, or five-and-a-half tons, and have been used extensively for personnel transport for over six years, including the military mission in the Yom Kippur War. One of these was the conquest of the Hermon.

Two months ago the Golani Brigade carried out exactly the same manoeuvre in the same region

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A CH-53 Sikorsky helicopter taking part in a combined army-air force exercise. It was such an aircraft that crashed during a similar exercise on Tuesday evening.

(Herman)



Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur announces details of the helicopter crash to the press yesterday.

Toll is worst in military since 1968

Post Military Correspondent

Other recent accidents which have resulted in heavy loss of life in the armed forces include:

- 60 missing and presumed dead when the submarine Dakar disappeared while on a training mission between England and Israel. The last signal received from the craft was on January 29, 1968.
- 20 killed when a Hercules transport crashed into Jabal Halal in Sinai in November 1975 while on a regular training mission. At the time, the reason for the crash was given as pilot error.
- 20 killed in a landslide at Neot Hakikar near Sdom in December 1970.
- 13 killed and 42 injured when an ammunition truck, returning from a raid on the Egyptian island of Shadwan, exploded in Eilat Port in January 1970.
- 14 killed and seven others injured when a Super Frelon helicopter crashed in strong winds on Mount Hermon in April 1974.
- 10 killed when a CH-53 crashed into the sea off the Rafah coast in July 1971, while returning from an electronic mission in the Sinai.
- Eight killed when two helicopters collided at the Mahanayim airfield in April 1974.

Partial list of victims

Following are the names of 57 of the helicopter crash victims, released last night and the time and place of the funerals.

- Tural Ezra Angel of Tel Aviv; Kiryat Shaul Military Cemetery, 11 a.m.
- Tural Manosh Manosh of Tel Aviv; Kiryat Shaul, 3 p.m.
- Tural Shimon Zaba of Netanya; Netanya Military Cemetery, 4.30 p.m.
- Tural Menachem Avdar of Kfar Sava; Kfar Sava Military Cemetery, 4.30 p.m.
- Samal Mordechai Ben-Haim of Tel Mond; Tel Mond Military Cemetery, 4.30 p.m.
- Tural Yirmiyahu Sheffi of Ramle; Ramle Military Cemetery, 12 noon.
- Segen Mishne Shlomo Leibowitz of Rehovot; Rehovot Military Cemetery, 1 p.m.
- Seren David Cochavi of Rehovot; Rehovot Military Cemetery, 12 noon.
- Samal Yaav Yerushalmi of Rehovot; Rehovot Military Cemetery, 11 a.m.
- Tural Eliezer Yishai of Rehovot; Rehovot Military Cemetery, 3 p.m.
- Tural David Ben-Haim of Yokneam; Yokneam Military Cemetery, 3 p.m.
- Tural David Amzaleg of Jerusalem; Mount Herzl, 3.30 p.m.
- Tural Ehad Horev of Jerusalem; Mount Herzl, 4.30 p.m.
- Tural Shabtai Hanuka of Jerusalem; Mount Herzl, noon.
- Samal Yehuda Havi of Dimona; Dimona Military Cemetery, 3 p.m.
- Tural Avraham Marco of Gan Yeshayahu; Hadera Old Cemetery, 4 p.m.
- Segen Amnon Horev of Kiryat Motzkin; Haifa Military Cemetery, 1 p.m.
- Rav-Seren Yehoshua Livnat of Kiryat Eliezer; Haifa Military Cemetery, 2.30 p.m.
- Seren Moshe Winer of Haifa; Haifa Military Cemetery, 12 noon.
- Segen Hanech Pearlman of Ramat Gan; Kiryat Shaul, 2 p.m.
- Segen Mishne Uri Starik of Jerusalem; Mount Herzl, 10.30 a.m.
- Tural Ilan Baruch of Jerusalem; Mount Herzl, 4.30 p.m.
- Tural Amir (Trefel) Tal of Kibbutz Kinneret; Beersheba Military Cemetery, 4 p.m.
- Segen-Mishne Yuval Zuckerman of Beersheba; Beersheba Military Cemetery, 2.30 p.m.
- Tural Shimon Atlas of Ofakim; Ofakim Military Cemetery, 4 p.m.
- Tural Peretz Shlankewitz of Tel Aviv; Kiryat Shaul, 1.30 p.m.
- Tural David Levi of Bnei Brak; Mount Herzl, 1 p.m.
- Tural Binayahu Simhi, of Be'er Sheva; Be'er Sheva Military Cemetery, 3 p.m.
- Tural Aharon Asher of Bat Yam; Holon Cemetery, 3 p.m.
- Tural Yair Kiryati of Haifa; Haifa Military Cemetery, 11 a.m.
- Tural Yosef Feldstein of Kiryat Yam; Haifa Military Cemetery, 5 p.m.
- Tural Solomon Shtrigauker of Tirat Hacarmel; Haifa Military Cemetery, 3.45 p.m.
- Tural Yossi Fidi of Kfar Yehoshua; Kfar Yehoshua, 4 p.m.
- Tural Amir Mirkin of Nahariya; Nahariya Military Cemetery, 3.45 p.m.
- Segen Gavriel Ben-Artzi of Tel Aviv; Kiryat Shaul, 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday.
- Tural Ro'i Milner of Hadera; Hadera Military Cemetery, 5.15 p.m.
- Tural Albert Matza, of Moshav Emunim; funeral arrangements not completed.

Campaign moratorium

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The major political parties cancelled all meetings and newspaper advertisements yesterday and today and the Central Elections Committee called off election propaganda on radio and television, mourning the soldiers' deaths.

These decisions mean that the debate between Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Likud leader Menachem Begin, scheduled for this evening, will be postponed to Sunday.

Nixon on Mideast in Frost interview

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A considerable portion of former President Richard Nixon's second television interview tonight will focus on the Middle East.

Reliable sources said that interviewer David Frost asked Nixon several questions on U.S. policy during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, including Nixon's role in the emergency airlift to Israel and the global alert he announced near the end of that conflict.

Jerusalem Day celebrations muted by news of helicopter disaster

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jerusalem Day celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of the liberation of the Western Wall were held yesterday evening in the shadow of the helicopter disaster near Jericho.

Outdoor celebrations involving music and festivities were cancelled last night and today but most of the events scheduled for the anniversary will be held.

At a reception late yesterday at the Citadel, Gen. Yona Efrat, O/C Central Command, said, "In the history of Israel, there is no joy unaccompanied by mourning." Mayor Teddy Kollek cited the phrase of consolation spoken in Jerusalem homes to bereaved: "B'binyan Yerushalayim temuchamu (In the building of Jerusalem may you be consoled)."

The reception was for more than 100 men who received citations for bravery during the past 20 years while serving with units of the Central Command. "In the past 10 years we have preserved the gift you gave us," said Kollek. "The city has never been so beautiful, has never seen such study of the Torah and of science, such culture, such joy of children."

At Sacher Park where a festive happening had been planned, 5,000 youths had shown up by the scheduled 4 p.m. starting time only to discover that the event had been cancelled. (News of the disaster was not broadcast until 4 p.m.) Hundreds of sandwiches which had been prepared for entertainers and other personnel who were to have participated in the happening were taken by youths to military "campadas" at the exits from town and distributed to soldiers waiting for lifts.

Also cancelled last night were outdoor entertainment programmes scheduled for several neighbourhoods, the playing of music from loudspeakers downtown and a neighbourhood reception scheduled for the Jewish Quarter.

Programmes scheduled for indoors, including a concert in Beit Ha'am by the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra last night and a cantorial concert there tonight, were not cancelled.

A series of memorial ceremonies will be held today at Mount Herzl, Ammunition Hill and at monuments to soldiers killed in the Six Day War. Soldiers from the Harel, Jerusalem and paratrooper brigades who

fought in Jerusalem in 1948 and 1967 will hold unit assemblies during the day. The closing assembly of Jerusalem Day will be held at the Western Wall at 8:15 p.m.

A special prayer service was held

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Confiscated flags stop Ja'abari party

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari said yesterday he has postponed the celebrations of Jordanian King Hussein's 25th anniversary on the throne because special flags and posters sent to him from Amman to celebrate the event were confiscated at the Allenby bridge.

Sheikh Ja'abari said the flags and posters were sent specially to him from the Jordanian Royal House to decorate his home for the celebrations. Ja'abari was the only West Bank dignitary who was due to celebrate Hussein's anniversary. The celebrations were due to take place in the middle of next week and last three days.



Heads you win...

...when you cast your ballot on Tuesday. The leaders of the three main parties are interviewed by Yossi Goell.

Also in 'tomorrow's pre-election Magazine:

Social policy platform: an investigation by Marsha Pomerantz.

How we voted before: an analysis of previous polling patterns.

Columnists Alex Berlyne, Helga Dudman and Ephraim Kishon are also election-minded.

Meyer Weisgal, at 83, recalls highlights of his life.

Miric Ronnen welcomes the Schimmel collection of ancient art.

Plus the Weekend Dry Bone.

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Forecast: Drop in temperatures, rise in humidity, possibility of local rain.

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Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	28-30	28
Golan	17-28	28
Nahariya	17-30	34
Safed	17-27	21
Haifa Port	20-31	26
Tiberias	18-31	28
Nazareth	20-31	24
Afula	16-34	27
Shomron	21-31	28
Tel Aviv	21-32	24
B-G Airport	18-34	33
Jericho	22-33	33
Gaza	20-31	24
BeerSheva	24-38	27
Eilat	22-37	38
Tiran Straits	25-37	32

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Katzir yesterday presided over a ceremony at Ben-Gurion University in which the central campus plaza of the BeerSheva institution was renamed for Maxwell Cummings of Montreal in honour of the donor's 80th birthday. Among those present were university president Yosef Teikoh, BeerSheva Mayor Nazareh, Canadian Charge d'Affaires Michael Bell, and 14 members of the Cummings family.

The 22 pupils of the Safad religious high school murdered by Arab terrorists during an excursion to Ma'alot three years ago were commemorated yesterday by the dedication of a library at the Sol Bium Community Centre in the southern quarter of the Galilee town. Bereaved families, pupils, Mayor Aharon Nahmias, senior government officials and municipality officials attended the memorial service. The library will have 30,000 volumes.

Knesset Member Zvulun Hammer, Ashkelon Mayor Aharon Helby and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wolfson were among those present yesterday at the dedication of Ashkelon's new youth synagogue, No'am Yitzhak. The synagogue is one of a series of 50 whose building has been aided by Mr. Wolfson.

Today's weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Tel Aviv-Yafo, 1.15 p.m. at ZOIA House, will hear British Ambassador John C. Mason speak on "A British Newcomer to Israel."

ARRIVALS

Dr. Wolf Cegla, from Rotary district conferences in Germany and Denmark.

DEPARTURES

Weismann Institute president Michael Sela, to attend a scientific conference in Munich marking the 50th birthday of Nobel Prize-winning chemist Manfred Eigen.

Moslems in India seek Peres' help

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

A Moslem organization in India has asked Israel "to persuade the Iraqi government to issue visas to pilgrims."

The letter was addressed to "Shimon Peres, Prime Minister" by Mirza Habib Aga, the General Secretary of the Karnataka Shia Conference in South India.

The Shia-Moslem organization complained that the Iraqi authorities have been arresting Moslem theologians, scholars and lawyers. It said that reports it had received said that as many as 18,000 people have been arrested, 14 were served with life sentences and eight "are due to be executed."

The letter, apparently a circular, asked "your goodness... to support and strengthen the struggles of Muslim divines for their dignity and freedom of religion" and to intercede with the Baghdad authorities to allow pilgrims "to visit the Shia Holy shrines in Iraq."

Peres has not yet replied. An aide suggested saying that the minute Israel establishes diplomatic ties with Iraq "we will try and help all minorities — including Shia and Jews."

Clinic and mosque for Beduin moshav

Jerusalem Post Reporter

DAHANIYA. — A medical clinic and a mosque, built at a cost of IL300,000, were dedicated here yesterday at this first Israel-initiated Beduin moshav, in the Rafa approaches. The ceremony was attended by Gaza military officials as well as local Beduin dignitaries.

World's fastest-changing city portrayed in THE POST

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The population of Jerusalem has increased 88 per cent in the 10 years following the city's reunification. This is one of the highest rates of growth among world cities.

Even larger has been the rate of change in the physical structure of the city. The city and other far-reaching developments in Jerusalem during the past decade will be outlined in a 36-page Jerusalem Post supplement to be published by The Jerusalem Post next Monday, the actual date of the anniversary, by the Hebrew calendar. (The public celebrations were moved up to today because of the elections next Tuesday.)

In an interview, Mayor Teddy Kollek recalls how he sat at a table on the terrace of the King David Hotel with then Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and senior officials three weeks after the Six Day War and voiced his fears about Dayan's order to permit Arabs and Jews the following morning to cross freely into each other's part of the city.

Four Jerusalem writers discuss their visions of Jerusalem, and leading Jerusalem photographers portray the city today and as it was. The ambience of Jerusalem's coffee houses and the politics of archaeology are among the supplement's subjects.

Bus to Mount of Olives

TEL AVIV. — Egged will on Sunday be introducing a new line in Jerusalem — No. 30, to run between the central bus terminal in Romema and the Mount of Olives. The route will be along the main streets and go near the Western Wall.

136 offices can tell you where to vote

Jerusalem Post Staff

If you still don't know where you should vote, or even whether you are on the voting rolls, you can find out at any of 136 information offices to open on Monday, the day before the elections.

The offices, which will also be open on election day, will be in the premises of local councils and municipal information bureaux. They will be supplemented by post office branches.

The Interior Ministry spokesman yesterday admitted that it might be quite difficult to make contact with the telephone voter information service set up by the ministry. The spokesman said that the service has been handling over 1,000 queries a day from the public. If you want to try your luck at setting through, the number is (02) 30405/6/7/8, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. today, and next Sunday and Monday.

The spokesman noted that there may be many who will not be able to vote, even though they are legally entitled to do so, because they do not appear on any voting register. This, he said, was due to the decision of the Knesset not to issue a new voters list. The present list was drawn up six months ago, he said.

If you are on the voting rolls, you are entitled to free transport from the State. Tickets are available from the election information offices. The only stipulation is that you must be at least 20 kilometres from your voting place.

Help for the confused voter is also available from the parties. Most party offices will tell you if you are on the voting list and where you should vote. Some voters have already received notices from one or more parties telling them that they are registered.

The parties also provide transport to the polls, especially for the elderly and the infirm. If you make use of any of these services, you are of course not obliged to vote for the party which provides them.

The Interior Ministry says it will carry on issuing identity cards to those who request them, until Monday. The ministry describes this as a special gesture because it was only obliged by law to issue the cards two weeks prior to the elections.

(You must take your identity card along with

you to the polling station in order to vote. The fact that your name is on the voting register and you have received a slip informing you which is your station, and what is your number on the register, is not enough unless you show your identity card to the polling station committee for stamping, to prevent voting more than once.)

The Interior Ministry specially asks the public to confine applications to its population registry offices solely to requests for identity cards, until after the elections. This will allow the officials to devote themselves completely to issuing identity cards.

Meanwhile, Supreme Court Justice Eliahu Mann, chairman of the Central Elections Committee, sent urgent telegrams to the headquarters of all the lists contesting the Knesset elections yesterday, urging them to be restrained and dignified in their election propaganda, and to be fair to their political opponents.

As in previous election years, Egged plans to run buses on most of its lines. Announcements of lines that will not operate will be published in newspaper advertisements.

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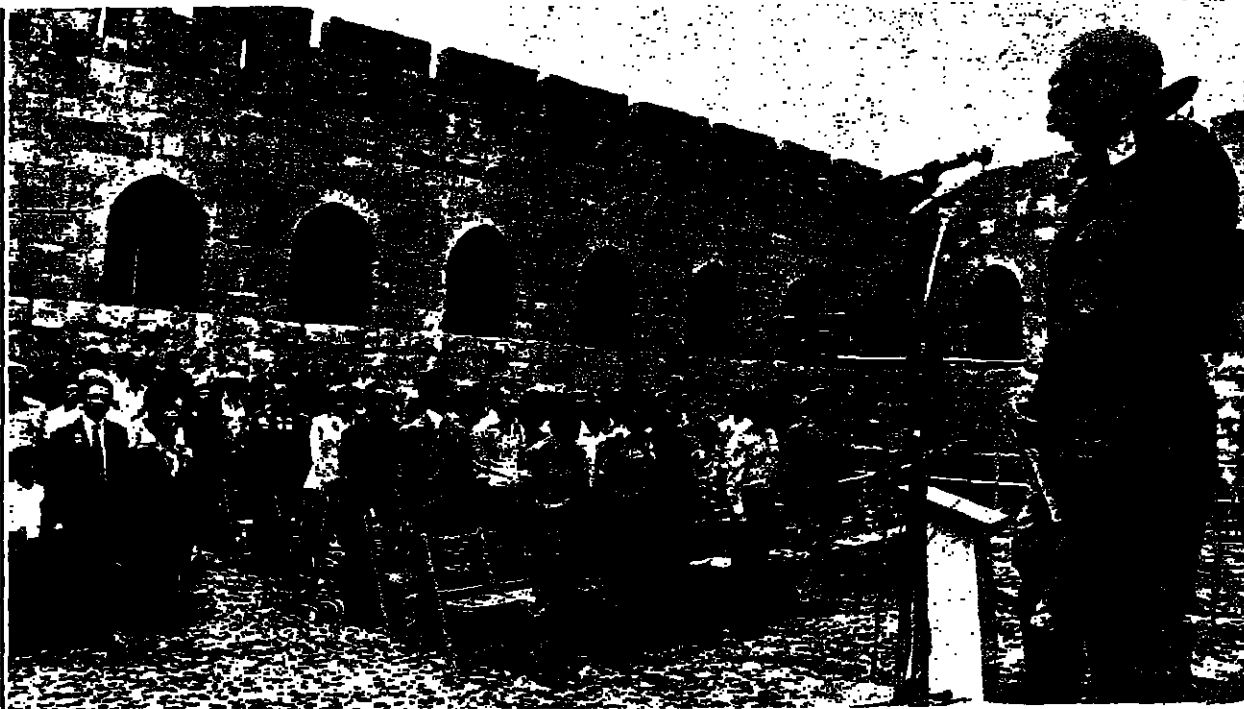
Lamed rocket was super-secret

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Lamed rocket, one of the secret weapons of the Six Day War unleashed in Jerusalem, was a secret as well as the Israeli soldiers' in whose blockhouses the weapons were located.

The army weekly journal "Bamahane" this week reveals that the rocket's existence was known only to senior officers on the city border when the war broke out. The rockets were kept in boxes marked "smoke." When they were unleashed a few hours after the Jordanians opened fire, they effectively silenced most of the Jordanian blockhouses on the front line.

The rocket, which contained a five kilogram charge, was devised by Tal Aluf David Lascoff, now 74, a year and a half before the war.



Yesterday's ceremony at the Citadel of the Old City in Jerusalem honouring 100 heroes of the Central Command took on an especially solemn note following the deaths of 54 soldiers in a

helicopter crash some hours before. O/C Central Command Aluf Yona Efrat stands with his men and their families in a moment of silent prayer for the crash victims. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

J'lem Day muted by air crash

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last night in the 400-year-old Yochanan Ben Zakai Synagogue in the Jewish Quarter to mark the anniversary. Among those participating were President Ephraim Katzir, Chief Sephardi Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and Police Minister Shlomo Hillel.

A series of walking tours will be held during the day. Following are some of them: In the tracks of the Palmach to San Simon, 8:30 a.m.; from the museum, petro station: 1948 battleside, 9 a.m.; from Italian Hospital on Shvital Yisrael Street; Jaffa Road and its neighbourhoods, 9 a.m.; from Jaffa Gate; in the tracks of the underground fighters, 9 a.m.; from Anster Park in front of the Municipality; 1948 fighting in the Old City, 9:30 a.m.; Menorah Club, Bezalet Street; the underground in the King David area, 10:30 a.m.; railway station; the break-in to the Old City in 1948, 3:30 p.m.; Sabal Square near to the "Bagel" station; in the tracks of the underground fighters, 8:30 p.m.; opposite Terra Sancta.

Yom Kippur War pilot laid to rest

HAIFA (Itim). — Seren Moshe Oestreicher, the fallen Yom Kippur War pilot whose body was returned by the Egyptians on the eve of Independence Day, was buried here yesterday in the plot his father had reserved for him two years ago. A large crowd of relatives, friends and former comrades attended the military funeral.

Seren Oestreicher, who was 21 at the time of his death, died when his plane was shot down by an Egyptian missile between the Israeli "Budapest" Suez-Canal stronghold and the city of Port Said. His body was among a group of nine returned by the Egyptians.

Villagers' attackers said not Israelis

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security forces investigating the claims of residents of the village of Abu Mish'al near Ramallah that Israeli soldiers have been attacking them at night have raised the theory that the attackers are actually from a nearby village.

The Abu Mish'al villagers had complained that they had been attacked by Israelis who vandalized the village school during the last month. Security forces believe that the unknown persons were from a nearby village and were conducting a dispute over the rights to a nearby well.

The villagers continue to claim that the attackers are Israelis who have been using firearms to intimidate them.

54 killed

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as Tuesday's fatal one. There have been similar versions of the exercise in the past.

It was learned yesterday that Israel's fleet of CH-53s have many thousand flying hours to their credit. Earlier Gurd had stressed that the aircraft are considered highly dependable.

A recommendation to Aluf Peled that all CH-53s be grounded as a result of Tuesday's disaster was turned down yesterday.

Rescue teams which arrived on the scene of the accident minutes after the crash and which operated under orders from several senior officers, including OC Central Command Aluf Yona Efrat, suspended operations for a few hours until after army sappers had gone through the wreckage to make sure that there were no undetonated explosives in the smouldering fuselage.

The highest-ranking officer killed in the crash was a major, Air Force Rav-Seren Shmuel Livnat. All the killed, apart from Seren Winter, were in regular service.

By last night, the bodies of 37 of the victims had been identified by a team of Chaplaincy Corps experts. Without waiting for identification of all the bodies, it was decided, on the basis of lists which were checked and re-checked by the Defence Forces computer, and a roll call of all soldiers in the formation, to notify the families of the 54 victims. This notification took almost 20 hours and explains the delay in publishing the news of the disaster.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by the Chaplaincy Corps together with the individual families.

Israel may enjoy more IMF aid

By SHELOMO MAOZ

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) will set up a special \$150 million fund to help countries with temporary balance of payments difficulties and will also increase the special drawing rights of all member countries. This may make it easier for Israel to mobilize credit on reasonable terms, Ephraim Dovrat, economic adviser to the Finance Minister, told The Jerusalem Post on his return from a two-week visit to the U.S.

The \$150 million fund will be raised from oil-rich and industrialized countries. Countries borrowing from the fund will pay the IMF the same interest

Bank of Israel gauges exports

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Industrial exports other than diamonds were up by 6.7 per cent in April compared with the first quarter of the year. In January-March, however, exports fell by 5 per cent compared with the last quarter of 1976, according to the latest data released by the Bank of Israel.

According to the bank's research department, there is a distinct slowdown in the growth of industrial exports. They have, in fact, levelled off at about \$150m. a month, since February.

Diamond exports have declined from a record level of \$92m. in January to \$58m. in April, but a rise is expected in May. The fall in diamond exports, according to the Bank of Israel, may be connected with the sharp April rise in the price of diamonds which has caused some buyers to hold back in expectation of a clarification of market trends.

The data show that industrial exports, except diamonds, started to slow down since September 1976. In the last quarter of 1976 the increase was only 2.5 per cent, compared with rises of 6-8 per cent in the preceding three quarters.

Total commodity exports in January-April came to \$852m.—21 per cent more than in the same period last year. In the year-by-year comparison, citrus exports fell by 6.3 per cent, other agricultural exports were 28 per cent higher, diamonds were 41 per cent above the first four months of 1976, and other industrial exports were 17 per cent above the level of January-April 1976.

rates paid to the lending countries. The fund will facilitate the recycling of petrodollars and other balance of payment surpluses, placing them at the disposal of developing countries. While interest rates will be below commercial rates, lending countries will have their loans underwritten by the IMF.

The IMF has already increased Israel's credit from \$150m. to \$250m. and a further increase of up to 50 per cent is being considered. A condition for getting loans from the IMF is that recipient countries follow economic policies in accordance with the IMF's recommendations.

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World's ombudsmen to meet in Jerusalem

Jerusalem has been selected as the site of the second international conference of ombudsmen, 1978.

The international ombudsmen steering committee, convened under the chairmanship of Dr. Randall Ivany, of Alberta, Canada, decided by a clear majority on Monday to accept the invitation of Israel's State Comptroller and Ombudsman, Dr. Yitzhak Ben-Zvi.

Other invitations came from Sweden and New South Wales.

Vance — Allon

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"But I see some signs of movement among the parties."

Vance paused a moment and said, "I'm trying to decide whether to say what it is."

After another moment he decided not to give the specific areas of progress, but reporters peppered him with questions.

In his careful answers, Vance defined some of the areas.

He confirmed that "one of the ideas" that has been proposed is a simultaneous declaration by the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel. In the declarations, Israel would recognize a Palestinian homeland, while the PLO would recognize Israel.

He denied that there was any plan for American negotiators to meet representatives of the PLO "as long as the PLO does not recognize the right of Israel to exist."

He said the concept of demilitarized zones is "generally acceptable" to the parties. He said that the ideas involve UN or Third World forces "to ensure that the zones remain demilitarized."

The idea, as Vance briefly sketched it out, is a variation of the arrangement in the Sinai with the U.S. supplying the forces and the technology necessary to give both sides the confidence that the other side is not cheating.

Earlier in London, Vance said, "I would like to note that there has been some speculation in the press to the effect that the U.S. wishes to impose a settlement solution. I want to make it very clear from the outset that no such thing is intended."

Vance went on to say that the U.S. will help and facilitate the process for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. He stressed that America will help the sides negotiate a settlement.

Later on, when Allon told a questioner that "I was given to understand that the U.S. is not putting forward any plan but offering its good offices," Vance interjected: "The U.S. intends to offer its ideas to the parties at a later phase."

The U.S. Secretary of State labelled as another "press speculation" the idea that "in our arms transfer policy, some harm will be caused to Israel."

He stressed: "That is not the case." Vance went on, "We have a special relationship with Israel and are committed to Israel's security. We will do all that is necessary to ensure that security and provide advanced technology as required."

Later, when asked whether the U.S. intended putting Israel on a par with NATO members for arms supply, Vance declared: "We will make available to Israel everything needed for her security. Including advanced technology."

When asked whether Israel considered herself diplomatically isolated, Allon said that for the time being Israel was the only party to the Geneva Conference that had made public its readiness to offer compromises in return for lasting peace, and this position had been explained at Israel's friends. Asked about Carter's "new attitude" and whether he was as good for Israel as Kissinger, Allon only said, "I have listened carefully to Mr. Vance's description of our special relationship and the definition of the U.S. role in the Middle East."

Following his meeting with the U.S. officials, Allon conferred for half an hour with British Prime Minister James Callaghan, at the latter's residence at 10 Downing Street, and then for an hour with Foreign Secretary Dr. David Owen.

State Department

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Committee are designed to counter this trend, which Israeli officials fear will hurt Israel.

The confrontation with the Congress has convinced some White House officials that the Administration should drop the entire concept of dividing up U.S. arms recipients into two categories — preferred nations status, which would include the NATO countries, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, and the rest of the world, which would include Israel and others.

These White House officials believe that it would be best for the Administration to remove this controversial aspect of the pending presidential review memorandum currently on Carter's desk awaiting his final approval.

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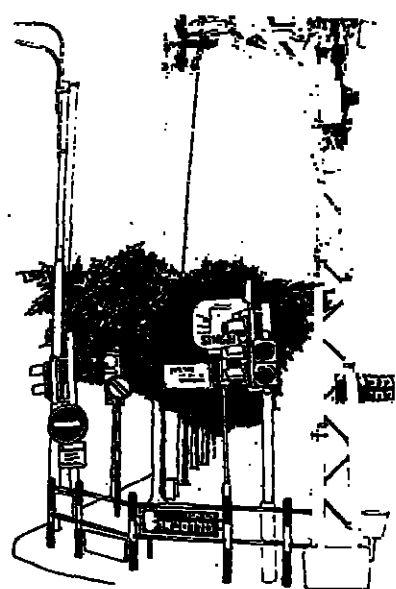
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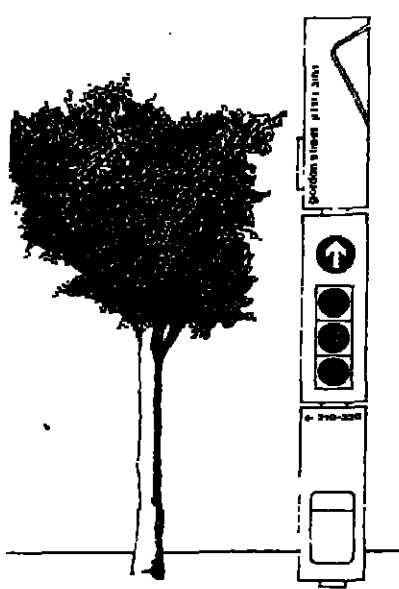


This combined traffic light, letter box, litter basket and street sign (right), meant to replace the situation seen at left, has won for its designer the Sandberg award for research and development.

The prize was one of several awarded yesterday afternoon in a ceremony at the President's Residence in Jerusalem. The fund for awarding the prizes, set up anonymously, is administered by the Israel Museum.

The multi-piece's creators, architect Shmuel Mandel and designer Eli Gross, have also worked out a combined billboard-telephone booth-newspaper kiosk. Steps toward ridding the streets of too much clutter have already been taken on Tel Aviv's Rehov Ben Yehuda, the museum says.

Also awarded at the ceremony was what the museum calls the country's major art prize — the Sandberg Prize — which went this year to artist Michael Gross.



Taxmen to forget 375,000 files as part of 'honest tax' reform

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A backlog of 375,000 income tax returns accumulated up to the end of the 1974 tax year, will not be checked by the income tax authorities: the persons submitting them (and even those who failed to file a return up to that date) will be assessed on the basis of earlier returns, taking into consideration possible increases in income.

This is one of the recommendations of the 28-member Public Council for an Honest Tax which has already been adopted by the Finance Ministry, the council chairman, Haim Gvati, stated yesterday.

He said that if a taxpayer felt he was being over-assessed, he could appeal to a special committee.

Starting with the 1975 tax year, taxes would be charged on actual returns.

Gvati also said that, although the council's recommendations had been accepted in toto by the Finance Ministry, some of them require amendments to

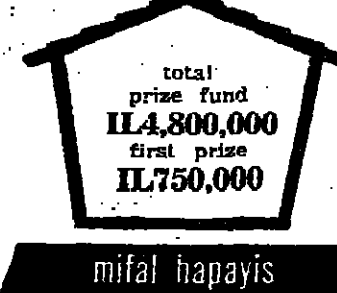
the law, and thus could not be implemented immediately.

The council, set up in June 1976, submitted its findings one week ago to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

Other recommendations aimed at making sure that every citizen pays an "honest income tax" are to budget a special unit to expedite prosecution of tax dodgers, to enlarge the prosecution staff and to divert more judges to such cases.

Further steps proposed are that the government withhold all trading licenses from those who are lax in paying taxes; instruct tax advisers and accountants to draw up ethical working procedures and deduct income tax, as well as value added tax, at source as much as possible.

The council also proposed that a public campaign be launched to inculcate in the general public the belief that evading just taxes is improper conduct.



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U.S. scientists to be awarded Harvey Prizes

HAIFA. — The Technion's Harvey Prizes for 1977 will be awarded to two eminent American scientists by President Ephraim Katzir at a campus ceremony on June 22.

Technion President Amos Horev, who is chairman of the Israel committee for the prizes, announced at a press conference that the recipients will be Seymour Benzer, Professor of Biology at California Institute of Technology, who was chosen for the prize in human health, and Professor Freeman John Dyson, Professor of Physics at the Princeton Institute of Advanced Studies, who will get the prize in science and technology.

The prizes carry a cash award of \$35,000 each from the \$1m. fund established in 1971 in the name of the



Dyson Benzer

late Leo M. Harvey of Los Angeles, who was a prominent member of the American Technion Society and founder and chairman of the Harvey Alumnus company.

Horev said that the Harvey Prizes, begun in 1971, are gradually establishing a world-wide reputation for themselves. This could be judged by the fact that leading scientists now make nominations to the prize committee for the award.

Dr. Benzer, who studied physics and later changed to biology, has made major contributions to the field. In the 'sixties he conducted seminal studies of the structure of genes. His work in the field laid down the fundamentals of molecular genetics and paved the way to the understanding of the basis of gene function and mutation. During the past decade he has been working on the genetic analysis of the development and function of the nervous system and its consequent behaviour. He has succeeded in selecting behaviour mutants, and uncovered specific anatomical abnormalities which affected behaviour.

Professor Dyson, who was born in Haifa and studied mathematics in Cambridge, went to Cornell University in the U.S. after the war to study physics and in 1961 was appointed professor there. Since 1963 he has been serving as professor of physics in Princeton.

Both recipients will give lectures, scientific and popular, during their stay at the Technion.

Educational TV staff ask equal pay

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Workers at educational television, entering the third of their four-day strike today, demanded the same working conditions as those of Broadcasting Authority TV employees. The workers said that equal conditions is only a temporary solution pending separate status for the educational TV station.

The workers made their demands in a telegram to Education Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli yesterday, in reply to a telegram in which Shmueli said new operating procedures have been devised for some of the issues causing the strike.

Shalom Harary, a spokesman for the workers, said that Shmueli's concessions are only a small step which came as a result of the strike and that they are nowhere near enough. "We have to solve the problem of parity between us and the general television once and for all instead of dealing with some little side issue each time there is a dispute."

Meanwhile, the victims of the strike, teachers and children, are hoping the strike will not continue beyond the four days originally planned. One principal said that the lack of educational TV broadcasts in the afternoon means that disadvantaged children spend more time on the streets and that this worries her even more than the lack of televised teaching and enrichment materials during school hours.

NA'AMAT AND THE Histadrut are training women to lecture on problems of their status in society. A course which begins this week includes "students" between the ages of 30 and 40 — lawyers, psychologists, homemakers, mothers.

A CIVIL DEFENCE exercise will be held during the afternoon and evening today in the Ramat Gan area.

Controllers' 'book work' delays airport traffic

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Post Aviation Correspondent

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Air traffic controllers were back on the job yesterday, but the go-slow tactics they have adopted to protest the back-to-work orders served on them the day before held up all flights by an average of half an hour.

The controllers claimed that they were operating the control tower here strictly in accordance with written procedures. The airport management saw things differently and last night again appealed to Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi to intervene.

"This is costing us a fortune," an El Al spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* here last night.

The spokesman confirmed that planes were indeed being delayed up to half an hour, causing tension among the air crews and discomfort to the passengers. At times there were as many as eight jetliners waiting for takeoff permission on the terminal tarmac here.

Incoming planes were also "stacked up" over Lod and forced to circle the area before being given permission to land.

"If the flight controllers are now working in accordance with regulations — what were their guidelines before yesterday?" the El Al spokesman asked.

Nitza Tamari, of the airport management, denied reports made earlier yesterday that planes had been held up as much as six hours. The only major delay yesterday was that of an El Al jetliner bound for Munich which should have taken off at 9 a.m. but left at 1.20 p.m. because of maintenance problems.

Ya'acobi yesterday told newsmen that the committee formed to investigate the "quiet runway", which the traffic controllers claim is dangerous, had determined it is perfectly safe. He added that the few technical and administrative changes recommended by the committee would be implemented by the airport management.

'Ha'aretz' press go-slow may prevent publication

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A labour dispute in the "Ha'aretz" press may prevent the publication of the newspaper this morning, Amos Shoken, its managing director said last night. A spokesman for the 90 press workers said the paper will probably appear in a reduced format.

The printers have defied a court order to put in a normal day's work until their case is heard by the national labour court next Monday. The dispute arose out of the printers' demand for a 4.75 per cent wage increase as sought by the Histadrut for all "production workers." The paper's management

replied that the workers were bound by their signature to the existing labour contract.

The press workers began a slow-down strike early this week, and distribution of the paper in Jerusalem was delayed. On Tuesday evening, Shoken decided to close the paper at the regular hour, even though not all the type had been set, and to send it to Jerusalem on time. Thus, yesterday "Ha'aretz" appeared with several blank spaces.

Yesterday, the district labour court heard both parties to the dispute. It declined to issue a declaratory judgment that the present labour contract could not be amended, especially since most of the other daily papers have agreed to pay the extra 4.75 per cent.

But the court did issue an injunction calling on the workers to put in a normal day's work until the national labour court hears the case on May 16. The workers, however, are continuing with their slow-down strike despite this injunction.

Soviets grill Azbel for eight hours

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A leading Jewish activist said yesterday he had been interrogated for eight hours by Soviet prosecutors investigating the case of detained dissident Anatoly Shcharansky.

Mark Azbel, a theoretical physicist who has been refused permission to emigrate to Israel and fired from his job, said he was questioned at a police office in Moscow's Lefortovo Investigation Prison where Shcharansky has been held since he was detained on March 13.

Azbel said the prosecutor's questions about Shcharansky were vague and could have been aimed as much at distracting him from his scientific work as building a case against Shcharansky.

The Soviet authorities have still not revealed what charges, if any, are to be brought against Shcharansky.

Peres would not meet delegation for Soviet Jews

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres has refused to receive a delegation of the Maoz organization for Soviet Jewry bearing a petition, Maoz secretary Golda Yellin said yesterday. The petition — signed by thousands of people — demanded that the restoration of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union be conditional upon a Soviet agreement to permit large-scale immigration and to free all prisoners of Zion, Yellin said.

Complaining that none of the parties had placed a Soviet immigrant in a realistic place in their Knesset lists, Yellin said that the 100,000 Soviet immigrants in Israel deserve Knesset representation. She added that the subject of Soviet Jews had figured in none of the parties' nationwide election propaganda.

Remarking bitterly about the Israeli public's indifference to the plight of Soviet Jewry, Yellin said that "when a Soviet firm was reported to want trade ties with Israel (the latter company which was later found to be German) Israeli companies jump on the bandwagon," but "when demonstrations for Soviet Jewry are held only a few people show up."

Judge orders Menten to stop interrupting

AMSTERDAM (Reuters). — The judge presiding at the trial of Dutch millionaire art collector Pieter Menten on war crimes charges yesterday threatened to have him removed for persistently interrupting witnesses.

Judge Johan Schroeder, president of the three-man bench, warned Menten, 77, that he would be barred unless he kept quiet while the witnesses were giving evidence.

"I am fighting against phantoms and false declarations," the silver-haired alleged former SS man replied.

It was the second day of Menten's trial on charges of murdering several Polish Jews in the summer of 1941 in two separate mass

shootings.

A Polish witness, Mrs. Ludwina Smuter, testified that she had worked as a maid in Menten's house for a few days in 1938. (Before World War II the Dutchman was a businessman in eastern Poland.)

Mrs. Smuter told the court that on July 7, 1941 — the day named by the prosecution as that of the first mass murder — she saw three cars full of German soldiers arrive in the village of Podchoroc where she lived.

She was seized and brought before Menten, who asked her in German and Polish if she recognized him. At first she did not but then she looked again and exclaimed: "Ah, Mr. Menten."

Mrs. Smuter described how she saw a number of Jews rounded up in the same house. Menten allowed her to go home, but later she heard shooting.

Earlier Dutch journalist Hans Knoop, editor of the news magazine "Accent," was cross-examined by Menten's lawyer about a police tipoff he received last November that Menten was about to be arrested.

Menten fled to Switzerland on the eve of his planned arrest. After his subsequent extradition he claimed he himself had been tipped off by someone from "Accent" magazine. Knoop denied this.

Mamilla evacuees ask compensation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Past and present residents of the Mamilla area, near the old border in Jerusalem, demonstrated yesterday demanding "adequate" compensation for leaving their apartments when the neighbourhood was designated for urban redevelopment.

A spokesman for the group said yesterday they had collected 10,000 signatures of supporters. The petitions were circulated during the last five days outside the offices of Praxat and Carta, the state-municipal housing companies involved in the renewal.

Reform Jewry and the WZO

The report from New York in Tuesday's issue on the Reform movement and the World Zionist Organization may have given a false impression.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism (Reform) resolved to join the WZO as an affiliate in 1974, and was formally approved by the Zionist General Council last year. Some Reform Jewish leaders have been eager to get a greater voice in WZO budget and personnel, and are thus trying to join as a constituent group.

Haifaite's cheques are almost all good

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The plague of paying retailers with bad cheques does not appear to be as bad as had been thought, at least in Haifa.

Two months ago, the local Retailers Association announced it would issue its members with a blacklist of customers who paid with bad cheques and did not make them good on demand.

Association secretary Willy Katz told *The Jerusalem Post* that daily 100 complaints were received from the city's shops, "not enough to start a blacklist."

He would make one more appeal to the retailers, in the next issue of the association's monthly bulletin, after the elections, when money may be less available, Katz said.

Rafael explains why UK is now more friendly

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Gideon Rafael's three-year term as Israel's ambassador to Britain, which ended last month, was a period of slow but sustained upswing in relations between the two countries after the nadir of the Yom Kippur War arms embargo and the diplomatic hostility that followed.

Rafael, not given to false modesty, is proud of his own role in fostering that upswing. Now back in Jerusalem as an adviser to the foreign minister, he recalls his personal friendship with Sir Harold Wilson, who was Britain's prime minister for most of that time. The friendship between them seems to have far exceeded in warmth and informality any ordinary relationship between a national leader and a foreign diplomat — though, of course, Wilson's longtime sympathy with Israel and with Anglo-Jewish friendship was always in the nature of a "special relationship."

But, as a veteran foreign service man with a shrewd grasp of international affairs, Rafael readily acknowledges that he was lucky in that his term in London coincided with an objective change for the better (from Israel's standpoint) in British foreign policy. The Labour government which took office in the spring of 1974 undertook a basic rethinking of policy direction, not merely with regard to the Middle East but on the much more fundamental issues of Britain's role in world affairs.

Wilson, and more especially his foreign secretary (now premier) Jim Callaghan, were convinced "Atlanticists." They saw their primary task as healing the deep scars left in the tissue of the Atlantic alliance by Europe's (including Britain's) behaviour during the Yom Kippur War. The adoption of a more balanced posture on the Middle East conflict dovetailed into this broader policy goal.

Rafael says: "The denial by Britain and by other Europeans of the use of American or NATO facilities for the American air-lift to Israel was a very serious blow indeed to the Western alliance. The Labour government understood that its most urgent task was to restore confidence and cohesion to relations with the U.S."

In the Middle East context this meant, the envoy says, that Britain decided to pursue a course of alignment with U.S. objectives, abandoning the earlier concern to coordinate policy with France. Conservative premier Edward Heath, he says, "had developed an over-sensitivity towards Paris during the EEC negotiations."



Gideon Rafael about to enter the coach that will take him to Buckingham Palace to present his credentials as Israel Ambassador in February, 1974.

term there was an endorsement of the EEC's November 1973 pro-Arab policy statement. A series of Israeli diplomatic representations and "clarifications" followed but since then, Rafael recalls, "there have been no nasty surprises."

Britain's defiance of the French lead in EEC Middle East policy-making had a healthy effect, the envoy adds, on other members of the Nine, especially the Dutch. And in the detailed bargaining of tariff talks the British government followed a generally helpful line.

While obviously pleased with the overall course of British foreign policy, Rafael continued to speak out strongly throughout his term against Western complacency and divisiveness. In a strategy survey to the RAF Academy, he warned that the West had still not recovered from the 1973 revelation of lack of cohesion and solidarity of disregard for basic American interests.

The Soviets, he points out, have been quick to exploit this manifestation of Western weakness. While the Western Europeans were scrambling separately and disparately for Arab favours, the Soviets have ensconced themselves in Libya — as surrogate for the defective Egypt —

and even more strongly in Somalia. Both of these deep incursions plainly have vital strategic implications.

In southern Africa, meanwhile, the Kremlin is "playing its traditional game of probing by proxy, sending in the Cubans to exploit black radicalism."

Rafael sees Kissinger's intense concern with the Middle East against this backdrop of the Soviet thrust into Africa. The former secretary of state was seeking, he says, "to neutralize the Soviet at least in the immediate Middle East conflict area" as a vital prelude to any effective holding action further south.

The years of recovery since 1973, and especially the perception of the energy problem, have slowly but surely changed their effect. "The democracies," Rafael says, "need a longer lead-time in their decision-making." But now he expects to see the new Atlantic harmony express itself in vigorous Anglo-American moves in southern Africa, an immediate confrontation area.

Britain itself, he says, is applying its re-emphasized "Atlanticism" to all its defence and foreign policy thinking. "They learned the lesson of

1973: that it is more advantageous to build bridges over the Atlantic than to tunnel under the Channel." (The envoy points out that the Israeli national Ministry of Prime Golda Meir, Britain has received life-saving loans, is controlled by Washington, not by the sheikhs of Arab.)

Other points made by Rafael: "Israel should not exaggerate the 'normalization' that has ostensibly occurred in its relations with France. It is natural, of course, to rejoice at every smile when one has been frownyed at for so long." But there is a danger not to be lulled by the apparent thawing of relations between Washington and the Arab capitals, with the argument that it is in favour with both sides while Washington is seen by some Arabs as irredeemably tilted towards Israel. Israel should not assist any such design.

The occasional signs and noises from Riyadh which are interpreted as barometers of renewed ties with Israel reflect the Soviets' increasing discomfort at "standing on one foot in the Middle East conflict." But they are intended, too, "to intimidate recalcitrant Arabs."

The British Foreign Office remains one of the best-informed characters in the world on Middle Eastern affairs. "The professionals there do not mislead the political superiors with wishful thinking about such things as Yasser Arafat's 'moderation'."

Israel's diplomatic ties with Ireland, "I set myself this modest goal in 1974, when after the African collapse, we were living in a veritable diplomatic desert. The importance of establishing ties went beyond correcting an obvious absurdity. Ireland is a Catholic country and as such important to us. And it was later to play a helpful role in our negotiations with the European Community."

Hopeful curators wait for Soviet visas
BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Itim). — A delegation of Israeli museum curators left here yesterday for Paris where they hope to receive Soviet visas authorizing them to attend an international curators conference in Leningrad.

Delegation head Magen Broshi said the conference is due to open on May 18 with the participation of 1,000 museum officials from most of the world.

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Will you sell America for thirty barrels of oil? It is not Israel that needs America but American survival that depends on Israel

Dear Mr. President,

At this moment of crisis when you seek to impose a suicidal settlement on G-d's Chosen people I speak to you and to Christian America. You and all Christians who believe in the Divine truth of the Bible, hold in your own hands your very fate. Mr. President, you were chosen by Heaven for this moment and never forget the words of Mordechai to Queen Esther:

"For if thou holdest thy peace at this time then relief and deliverance will arise to the Jews from another place but thou and thy father's house will perish; and who knows whether thou art not come to royal estate for such a time as this?"

Know what the Christian American interest is in world affairs and, especially, in the Middle East.

Is it oil that is your interest, America? Will you sell your birthright for a bowl of porridge, your future and redemption for thirty barrels of oil?

History is not an unguided thing, a game of chance, a product of political permutations and combinations. It has a beginning and an end, it is planned and directed and that which is happening today and will happen tomorrow is decreed. And the Divine plan of history is drawing to its final chapter, the conclusion, the final redemption, the Kingdom of G-d.

The ultimate interest of America and its Christian citizen is to make absolutely sure that on the "great and terrible day of the L-rd" when eternal peace will reign, both individual and country will be able to satisfactorily answer the awesome question: "Did you aid or prevent the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven?" Blessed will be the nation and individual that can answer properly and woe unto America and the Christian if they cannot. For while man is free to do that which he wants to do he is not free to do that which he ought to do and one can run till the furthest reaches of the earth but, in the end, every Jew has his whale.

Whether America and its Christians will be able to answer joyfully and properly is dependent on whether, today, it will stand by the State of Israel. It is long overdue for America to understand that its true interest in the Middle East is support of the Jew and his State. "And I will bless them that bless thee and him that curse thee shall I curse." (Genesis 12:3).

The final redemption and the Kingdom of Heaven with their era of eternal peace are inexorably tied to the Jewish people. The Jews are the key to history, to what will be. The final redemption is irrevocably tied to the return of the Jewish people to its land, the ingathering of the exiles, the resurrection of the Jewish State, and the satisfaction of the Jewish people through their returning to G-d. These are the states that MUST precede the establishment of the Kingdom of G-d, and there is not a true Christian believer in the Bible that can deny this.

The final era is at hand; it is the beginning of the final redemption. We have seen the incredible events of our times — the terrible Holocaust that ripped through the Jewish people and tragically mirrored the words of the prophet: "And I will bring you out from the peoples and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with fury poured out" (Ezekiel 20); the incredible blooming of the desolation of the Holy Land, envisioned in the words, "But ye O mountains of Israel ye shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they are at hand to come. For behold I am for you... and the cities shall be inhabited and the waste places shall be builded" (Ezekiel 36); the unprecedented return of a people exiled for 20 centuries — two thousand years — to their ancient homeland, a return from a hundred lands and more as the prophecy of the Bible unfolds before our eyes: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children... Thus saith the L-rd: Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from tears for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the L-rd, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy... Behold I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth... He that scattered Israel doth gather them and keep him as a shepherd doth his flock" (Jeremiah 31); the resurrection of the destroyed and fallen Jewish State as decreed by G-d: "Thus saith the L-rd of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy and I am jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the L-rd: I return unto Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem... there shall yet old men and old women sit in the broad places of Jerusalem... and the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the broad places thereof... Behold I will save my people from the east country and from the west country and I will bring them and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem and they shall be my people and I will be their G-d, in truth and in righteousness." (Zechariah 8); the exclusive right of the Jewish people to the Holy Land and the indivisibility of the Land of Israel, as solemnly pledged by G-d: "And I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession... But Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son and thou shalt call his name Isaac and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant. And as for Isaac... twelve places shall be his, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I give thee, thou and thy seed after thee, for ever. Unto thee I have given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." (Genesis 15).

And the gentiles? What of them? There will be those who understand the decree of G-d, and who will remember the eternal promise of Heaven:

"Blessed be everyone that blesseth thee and cursed be everyone that curse thee." (Numbers 24).

"And in thy seed shall all the nations be blessed." (Genesis 22).

And remembering this they will be part of the righteous who leap to G-d's bidding:

"In these days it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold, out of all the languages of the nations, shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying: We will go with you, for we have heard that G-d is with you." (Zechariah 8). And happy will those gentiles be as they will be blessed by sharing in the Kingdom of Heaven: "And many peoples shall go and say: Come and let us go up to the mountain of the L-rd, to the House of the G-d of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths for out of Zion shall go forth the Law and the word of the L-rd from Jerusalem." (Isaiah 2).

Blessed and fortunate will be those that understand and leap to aid the redemption of the Jewish people, to hurry the final redemption of mankind. And how cursed and destroyed will be those individuals and nations who do not understand, who defy the Divine decree, who refuse to stand totally at the side of the Jewish people, who attempt to thwart the return of the Jewish nation to its land and to diminish the sovereignty and territory of the Land of Israel as the exclusive Holy Land of the Chosen people!

Upon them will the awful and terrible curse be realized: "But thou, shouldst not have gazed on the day of thy brother in the day of his disaster; neither should thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction... Yes, thou shouldst not have gazed on their affliction in the day of their calamity... Neither should thou have stood in the crossway to cut off those of his that escape; neither should thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress. For the day of the L-rd is near upon all the nations; as thou hast done it shall be done unto thee, thy dealing shall return upon thine own head." (Obadiah 1).

Woe unto the nations that join together, actively or indirectly, to hurt Israel and to thwart G-d's will: "For thus saith the L-rd of hosts who sent me unto the nations that despoil thee: Surely ye that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of my eye." (Zechariah 2); "Behold at that time I will deal with all of them that afflict thee" (Zechariah 3).

There it is, the certainty and the immutable historic destiny of the world. Nothing else is of any relevance and what is at stake for the United States and for each and every citizen within it is nothing less than a choice of survival or destruction. The awesome question is: Will this country choose life and greatness or will it follow the historic examples of empires that preceded it and be consigned to the graveyard of historical rubbish?

President Carter and Christian America! The Jewish people and the State of Israel are G-d's Chosen. They can never be destroyed. It is not they who need you but you whose very survival depends on doing the will of G-d by standing totally at Israel's side and helping to fulfill the Biblical prophecy of total return and defeat to the enemies of G-d and His people. Every effort to force Jews to give up any part of the Holy Land that is completely theirs by Divine grant is an effort to undo the will of Heaven. The cry "not one inch of Jewish retreat" is not a military or political one. It is a religious decree.

I grieve for an America that may defy the L-rd and attempt to impose a settlement to throttle Israel. Such a settlement will never be and the Jews will survive it. May G-d grant you Mr. President and Christian America, the wisdom to understand, before it is too late for you.

With love of Israel,
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(A Declaration)

N.Y. court overrules ban on Concorde

NEW YORK (AP). — A U.S. District judge ruled yesterday that a ban on landings of the supersonic Concorde jet at New York's Kennedy Airport is illegal.

Judge Milton Pollack ruled that the ban by the managers of the airport was irreconcilable with former Transportation Secretary William Coleman's decision to allow Concorde a trial landing period of 18 months.

In Paris, Air France announced yesterday that it will begin daily scheduled Concorde flights from the French capital to New York on June 20. The announcement said the flights would be increased to two a day in October.

Court officials said the judge's ruling means that the Concorde can start landing at Kennedy, the main gateway into the U.S. from Europe, immediately. But officials of British Airways and Air France, operators of the plane, have said they expect it will take at least a week to make arrangements.

A Port Authority spokesman said following the announcement of the decision that it would have no comment until lawyers have studied the ruling and decided whether to appeal.

The Port Authority had temporarily banned the fast but noisy plane from landing at Kennedy pending evaluation of noise, vibrations and pollution data.

The Concorde has been flying into Dulles International Airport outside Washington since May 1976, under an order by the Transportation Secretary for a 16-month test of the plane.

In Paris, French Transport Secretary Marcel Cavallier hailed the court decision with "great joy."

Blast kills 18 Japanese coal miners

ASHIBETSU, Japan. — Eighteen miners were killed, eight injured and seven trapped by a cave-in after a gas explosion yesterday at a colliery in the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido.

Mine safety bureau officials said they believed blasting operations in the pit had apparently ignited the gas.

Of 33 miners working underground at Ashibetsu colliery when the blast occurred, nine injured were brought out and rushed to hospital. One died in hospital from serious burns.

Bodies of 17 miners were being taken from the shaft one by one yesterday some 10 hours after the accident, police said.

Rescue teams were finding it difficult to get to the trapped men because of heavy debris in the narrow pit, about 800 metres underground.

The mine, located in Ashibetsu town near Sapporo, is one of the largest on Hokkaido. It turns out about 1.3 million tons of coal a year.

Yesterday's accident was the latest of a series of 13 Japanese coal-mine disasters in the past five years. Among these was an explosion at the Ishikari mine on Hokkaido in August, 1972, that killed 31 miners.

(Reuter, UPI)

Vandals damage Verona synagogue

VERONA, Italy (UPI). — The synagogue of this northern Italian city was slightly damaged yesterday by an explosive device hurled by unknown persons during the night, police reported.

It was the second time the synagogue was damaged by vandals in the month. Unidentified persons broke into the synagogue overnight on Saturday.

Synagogues and Jewish cemeteries have occasionally been damaged in vandal attacks in several Italian cities in recent years. Police theorized those responsible belonged to extreme rightist groups.

Two women shoot Utah polygamist

MURRAY, Utah (AP). — Two women in the 20s shot into an office and calmly led to death a surgeon who claimed to have at least six wives and 40 children, police said.

Dr. Rulon Allred, 71, a neurosurgeon, died on Tuesday in his office in this Salt Lake City suburb. Police said seven shots were fired from two handguns.

Officials said they heard several shots and then saw two women leave. No one else was injured and no arrests were made, police said.

In an interview two years ago, Allred said members of his family were among 35,000 fundamentalist Mormons. He and other polygamists were excommunicated from the church.

Actress Joan Crawford dies of heart attack at 69

LOS ANGELES (Reuter). — Hollywood yesterday mourned the death of actress Joan Crawford, the chorus line dancer who became a glamour queen.

Miss Crawford died of a heart attack in her New York apartment on Tuesday. She was 69.

"She was one of the true queens of the screen," said Robert Young, who starred with her in a number of films.

Fred Astaire, who came to Hollywood to play alongside her in his first film "Dancing Lady" in 1932, said: "She was a very gracious and lovely woman and a very big star."

Crawford, founded by her maid, danced her way into Hollywood in silent movies 50 years ago and stayed at the top through 80 films that included "Grand Hotel," "Autumn Leaves," and "Daisy Kenyon."

When she was past the age of romance, she played in horror films and westerns. One of her last great roles was with Bette Davis in



Pakistanis carry a man fatally shot by army troops in Lahore market during opposition riots against Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto on May 6. The picture is the first to be released of the opposition "martyr's day" demonstrations in which seven people were killed. (AP radiophoto)

El Salvador minister slain by kidnappers

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador. — Police early yesterday found the body of kidnapped Foreign Minister Mauricio Borbonovo Pohl, who had been shot three times in the back of the head and dumped along a highway in hazy hills.

Judicial sources and police said the body of the American educated 38-year-old minister, kidnapped by leftist terrorists April 19, was found just after midnight near the city of Santa Tecla, eight km. from San Salvador.

Police said Borbonovo, the nation's second most important politician after President Arturo Armando Molina and one of its richest men, was clad like a beggar with only a pair of pants and a jacket and his head covered by a transparent nylon sack.

Local residents told police they saw a speeding car dump the body along the highway early Tuesday evening.

The Farabundo Marti Popular Liberation Front, the ultra-leftist organization which kidnapped the minister, had demanded the release of 37 political prisoners in exchange for Borbonovo's life.

The Front refused money offers of ransom from the family.

In a speech two weeks ago, President Molina claimed the government could only account for nine of the prisoners and said it did not have the rest. It refused to release the nine.

President Molina personally

telephoned Borbonovo's younger brother, Carlos, to inform him of the discovery of the body, the family spokesman said. He added that Borbonovo's elderly parents were not immediately informed.

Borbonovo, a 1961 engineering graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the U.S., was the second member of the government murdered by leftists this year. Tourism Director Roberto Poma was kidnapped by the People's Revolutionary Army on January 27, and four of his aides were killed in the kidnapping.

(UPI/AP)

Ceausescu may lobby for USSR while in Cairo

CAIRO (UPI). — Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu arrived yesterday for a two-day official visit and talks with President Anwar Sadat.

Sadat greeted Ceausescu at Cairo airport and accompanied him to the Koubbeh guest place where the Rumanian leader and his wife, Elena, will be staying.

Ceausescu was scheduled to call on Sadat at the latter's residence last night for the start of their talks. Another session will be held today.

Diplomatic sources said the talks will deal mainly with the Arab-Israeli conflict and bilateral relations. They may also touch on the crisis between Egypt and the Soviet Union which deteriorated in recent weeks following Soviet accusations that Egypt is trying to provoke a military attack on neighboring Libya, the sources added.



Twist Mickey and mini, Jordan's King Hussein was photographed in 1975 during his first visit to Disney World in Orlando, Florida in the company of park guide Honey Rex. Hussein and Miss Rex were reported touring the park together again last week, though her father denied reports of romantic interest. (AP radiophoto)

Libyan air cadet defects to Egypt, Cairo says

CAIRO (UPI). — A Libyan air force cadet has defected to Egypt and is joining the Egyptian air force, a military spokesman said yesterday.

He said the cadet, Rabouma Saad al-Asfar, flew his trainer aircraft, a French-made Rallye 130, to Egypt last Saturday.

The Egyptian armed forces welcome his joining the ranks of Egyptian air force personnel as a brother and comrade-in-arms, the spokesman said, implying that al-Asfar had been granted asylum.

This was the latest incident in a political row between Egypt and Libya which began in 1973 and has deteriorated sharply in the last few weeks.

The spokesman said al-Asfar had been enrolled at the Libyan air force

NATO orders scheme to bolster defences

LONDON (Reuter). — Leaders of the Atlantic alliance, backing an initiative by President Carter, yesterday ordered their defence ministers to embark on a long-term programme to bolster Western defences.

A communique issued at the end of a two-day NATO summit meeting also echoed President Carter's call for a fresh study of East-West relations and an assessment of their implications for the 15-nation alliance.

The allies warned the Soviet Union that any improvement in East-West relations must depend on the extent to which moderation and restraint are shown "in Europe and other parts of the world."

Diplomatic sources said this referred to Soviet activities in trouble spots like Africa and the Middle East.

The NATO leaders further endorsed President Carter's ringing campaign to promote "human rights and fundamental freedoms."

The NATO declaration came a day after President Carter's call for the allies to sharpen up their defences and meet the challenge of the 1980s in view of the continued Soviet military buildup.

President Carter pledged to increase U.S. defence efforts and invited the allies to report back to him on their own contributions at a Washington summit next spring.

The only one of the allies which did not offer to review its military capacity was France which has long been cool towards NATO. For 10 years, France has remained outside the NATO integrated military structure.

The communique said: "Leaders of states taking part in the integrated defence structure of the alliance requested their defence ministers to initiate and develop a long-term programme to enable NATO forces to meet the changing defence needs of the 1980s."

Referring to the Soviet buildup, the communique said: "Of particular concern is the continuing growth in the strength of offensive capabilities of the armed forces of the Warsaw Pact countries. In these circumstances the allies emphasize the need for the alliance to maintain at an adequate level the forces required for the common defence and for deterrence. They are resolved to strengthen their mutual support efforts and cooperation."

The declaration was in effect a large-scale endorsement of the American President's view that Western defence must reshape itself in the coming decade.

The allies promised to work for improved human rights which they met at the 38-state Belgrade conference in June. This meeting will review progress made in implementing the 1975 Helsinki declaration on East-West détente and human rights. The NATO leaders emphasized that progress since Helsinki had been limited and much remained to be done to improve "the lives of the inhabitants of all the countries concerned."

Remarkable on the enthusiasm with which the NATO leaders had accepted Carter's recommendations one diplomat said, "This is truly Carter's summit."

Kuwait paper hints PLO lost copters to Israel

KUWAIT (UPI). — Kuwait has denied allegations that 13 helicopters disappeared on their way from Italy to Kuwait shortly before the Lebanese civil war broke out in mid-1975 and ended up in Israel, the "Kuwait Times" said yesterday.

The paper intimated, however,

that helicopters purchased by the Palestine Liberation Organization may have in fact wound up in Israeli hands.

Interior and Defence Minister Sheikh Sa'ad al-Abdulla said the original report, published on Tuesday by the Jordanian newspaper "Ad Dustour," was "misleading and completely contrary to the truth."

However, the "Kuwait Times" quoted Palestine Liberation Organization sources in Kuwait as saying it was possible the report stemmed from attempts by the terrorists to obtain helicopters.

The sources said in 1968 the PLO had acquired about 10 helicopters, "possibly Italian," in a bid to beef up supply operations to terrorists as tensions developed in Jordan between them and the regime of King Hussein.

"Until then, the PLO had been using camels to ferry goods, but these were easily spotted by Israeli aircraft and readily attacked," the newspaper said.

"To operate the choppers, the PLO had trained pilots in Algeria, Morocco and Libya. In Libya, the pilots received training from Egyptian and Russian experts."

More significantly, the "Kuwait Times" said the PLO had purchased another batch of 10 helicopters in 1974, which arrived at Beirut port, then under control of right-wing Christian Phalangists. Nevertheless, it said, the terrorists and the Lebanese leftists were able to clear some of them and take them to the Bekaa Valley area.

The remainder were seized by the Phalangists. It is possible that it is the Phalangists and Chammouni (right-wing Christian followers of former President Camille Chamoun) who transferred some of them to Israel later," the newspaper said.

Congressmen ask Carter to fire General Brown

WASHINGTON (JTA). — Seventeen members of the House of Representatives have asked President Carter to dismiss Air Force General George Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Time and again General Brown has displayed a lack of discretion, a disregard for the basic rights of Americans and a virulent anti-Semitic prejudice," they said in a letter published yesterday. "Clearly he is not fit to continue in his position of great power and trust," they said.

The letter, which referred to Brown's recent statement that "we have right to read" a citizen's mail and "know what the hell he has done," was originated by representative Edward Koch (D NY) and signed by black Congressmen Patsy Mitchell (D MD) and Charles Rangel (D NY).

General Brown, 69, retired several years ago from his post as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was a member of the House of Representatives from 1961 to 1969.

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Former director of failed Swiss bank found dead

GENEVA (AP). — The body of Swiss banker Charles Bouchard was found in Lake Geneva the day after the bank he formerly headed was declared insolvent, officials said yesterday.

Bouchard, 69, retired several years ago from his post as director of the bank, which the federal government closed on Monday.

Geneva newspapers said Bouchard's car was found parked near the lake after his body was discovered by a fisherman. Another Leclerc and Cie. board member, Bertrand de Muralis, 42, was found dead two days earlier.

The second scandal to rock Swiss banking circles in one month, Switzerland's third largest bank, Credit Suisse, announced on Tuesday night the resignation of its chief executive in the wake of last month's reports that one of its branches at Chiasso was involved in improper investments totalling 2.2b. Swiss francs (about £1.9b).

Three Chiasso branch directors, two of whom were under arrest, face charges of improper management and forgery.

Prosecution authorities have filed the same charges against three Swiss board members of Texon Finanzsuisse, the Liechtenstein-based company that allegedly invested some of the Credit Suisse money.

Egypt asking World Bank for \$10b. to salvage economy

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt is planning to ask for \$10b. from a World Bank consultative group to revive its economy, the semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" reported yesterday.

It said Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs Abdel Monem Kaissouny was to submit the Egyptian request yesterday to a meeting in Paris with the group, which includes executives of an international consortium comprising the U.S., Western Europe, Japan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates in addition to representatives of Arab and foreign organizations.

Kaissouny's report will explain in detail Egypt's needs for the years 1977-1980, the paper said.

Kaissouny will also try to find out to what extent the group is willing to help Egypt overcome its economic hardships and implement its five-year development plan.

The paper said report prepared by the World Bank back in 1976 estimated Egypt's \$13b. needed to cover the balance-of-payments deficit, improve the situation of foreign debts and compensate for the lack of local resources. Egyptian debts are estimated at \$10b., including undisclosed but large amounts owed to the Soviet Union for arms.

The balance-of-payments deficit is estimated at \$1.5b., but Egypt has succeeded in getting a \$2b. long-term loan from the Gulf Cooperation fund for domestic development.

Moscow claims its airport now shut to Far East drug smugglers

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet customs officials have stopped drug smugglers from using Moscow as a transit point on the way from Asia to Western Europe, the newspaper "Sovetskaya Rossiya" said yesterday.

A report follows a crackdown on Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport last year in which over a dozen foreigners were arrested and charged with smuggling marijuana, heroin and hashish. Many of them are still in prison.

The newspaper said: "When a new air route from Bangkok and Singapore to Western Europe via Moscow was opened last year, a stream of 'travellers' passed through Sheremetyevo, clutching

several suitcases. 'The space between the walls of these cases was found to contain heroin and hashish.'

The smugglers bargained on the Moscow stopover being so short — for some flights it was no more than half an hour — that no search could be carried out, but the customs officials at Sheremetyevo proved them wrong, the newspaper said.

"As a result of this the flow of narcotics has now been halted."

About 14 foreigners are serving terms in Soviet prisons for drug smuggling. They include three Americans, four Britons, two Australians, a Malaysian, a Singaporean, a Swiss, an Italian and a Frenchman.

Liberation of Jerusalem

The anniversary of the liberation of the Old City of Jerusalem during the Six Day War in 1967, according to the Jewish date falls next Monday. ELIEZER WHARTMAN, an

American broadcaster who was probably the first foreign correspondent to report the news, retells his eyewitness account.



Paratroopers stand before the Western Wall in June, 1967. (Samahane)

ON June 28, 1967, a fleet of bulldozers clanked up to the high concrete fire-walls, the ugly clusters of anti-tank dragon-teeth, and the long, rusting stretches of barbed wire separating the Jewish and Arab sectors of Jerusalem. At one fell swoop, the mechanized "peace corps" tore down all the dividers and reunited a city that had been split for 19 long years.

No sooner had the dust settled than Jews and Arabs swarmed over the fallen barricades, anxious to get a look at each other, to see how the other side lived, and, in not a few cases, to look up old friends. The 10th anniversary of that memorable date falls on May 16 this year.

Three weeks earlier, on Iyyar 28 (June 7), Israeli troops had broken into the Old City and raced to the Western Wall, which for the first time since the Destruction 19 centuries ago came under Jewish sovereignty.

I was an eye witness to the capture of the Arab sector and the Wall. To the best of my knowledge, I was the first correspondent to report the news.

At eleven a.m. on June 5, a Monday, Jerusalem came under heavy shelling from the Jordanian lines. Foreign correspondents worked out of the Government Press Information building, then on Jaffa Road. Every two hours radio reporters would dart out of the crumbling wreck and scurry from doorway to doorway some three or four hundred yards to the broadcast booth in the central post office. It was an eerie feeling, particularly during the blackout at night, when machine gun fire cracked overhead and bursts of artillery fell in nearby streets.

On Tuesday afternoon I drove to the advance artillery spotting headquarters on the roof of the Histadrut building on Rehov Straus, from

where the view of the Old City was breathtaking.

"If you want to see the fall of the Old City, come back tomorrow at 7 a.m.," the commander told me.

As a Jerusalemite who over the years had suffered the repeated, casual sniping and rock throwing by the Legionnaires behind the walls, I had been waiting for this for a long time. At seven the next morning, I was there with my tape recorder.

The commander and his men were huddled around a table on which lay a detailed map of the area. Next to it was a time-table. They were in constant walkie-talkie contact with the Israeli batteries scattered throughout the city and were pin-pointing fire on Arab targets, chief of which was the Augusta Victoria hospital, which had become the Arab Legion headquarters. The commander was also coordinating the fire of the units in the field who could not clearly see their targets.

"How long do you think this will take?" I asked.

"About three hours," came the unhesitant reply.

For the next three hours I stood next to him, binoculars in hand, entranced by the developing battle. I was witnessing. A war correspondent is usually either with a unit at the front and gets only a woman's eye view of the overall conflict, or with the generals at the rear, where he cannot see anything at all. I was lucky enough to be in a position where the entire battlefield stretched out before me, and I was being briefed as the fighting progressed.

"We'll pound them for an hour to soften them up," the commander told me, "and then we'll send in the armor. We're not supposed to hit the Old City, even if it costs lives. We're not allowed to touch the Holy Places."

"Now," he called, "look there!" A column of tanks and tracked vehicles was making its way up a slope behind the Old City, fanning out north and south toward the Intercontinental Hotel and the Hospital. In a short time the area behind Mount Scopus and the Mount of Olives had been taken, and the escape road to Jericho cut off.

We could hear the sharp persistent crack of long bursts of machinegun fire. "Our boys are on their way through the wood from Scopus to Augusta," the commander noted with satisfaction, checking his time-table. "At nine our planes will plaster them with bombs and rocket fire."

Promptly at nine a squadron of Vulture fighters wheeled over the hospital area, each one in turn leveling out to pound the fortifications. "They'll be back in 20 minutes," promised the commander. On the dot, they reappeared.

Bogged-eyed, I watched a battle going exactly to plan, with split-second precision. The armor had come down from the slope and was preparing for the breakthrough into the Old City.

"They'll be going in through the Lion's Gate," the commander shouted over the firing. Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, clutching a shofar joined us on the roof. He was in highly agitated radio contact with Moti Gur, who was leading the troops down below. "Nu, when can I join you?" Goren kept repeating. "In a little while. I'll let you know," came Gur's curt replies.

At 9.50 the firing suddenly grew in intensity. "We're going in," the word came from Gur. From where I was standing, I could see columns of smoke and dust rising from repeated point-blank hits on the gate which lay below the line of vision.

"Come down!" Gur suddenly ordered Goren. At ten o'clock — three hours to the minute after the first barrage had begun — the walkie-talkie reported that the paratroopers had reached the Western Wall. A few minutes later an ecstatic Goren sounded the shofar (the same he had blown at Bergen Belsen after its liberation and on Mount Sinai after the Sinai Campaign).

As I was gathering up my gear to rush back to make my 10.30 scheduled broadcast, the walkie-talkie came to life with the incredible news that the first troops had reached the Suez Canal.

Stunned, I realized that I had the two biggest scoops of the war, for I knew that I would be on the air before any of the correspondents accompanying the paratroopers in Jerusalem and the units in Sinai could get to a phone.

Censorship on the fighting at the two fronts was lifted one minute before I sat down in front of the microphone. I transmitted the last ten minutes of the running account I had recorded of the fall of the city and topped it with the news of the victory in Sinai.

Ironically, the outside world was the first to hear of the two historic victories that, astonishingly, were won almost simultaneously and which spelled the beginning of the end of the war.

As I walked from the radio booth elated, I recalled the bitter struggle for the city in 1948. I had been a machine-gunner with an infantry battalion. How many of my friends had fallen. We had wept in desperation when our leaders acceded to the UN request for a cease-fire just when we were on the verge of taking the Old City. I marvelled that I had had the privilege of being the herald to the world of the news that the Jewish people had returned to the Temple site and that the prayers of a hundred generations had just been answered.

'Graphic environments'

ART NOTES / Gil Goldfine

rather prosaic, uncharged and lacking an aesthetic heartbeat. One gets the feeling that Art and Brancusi are tucked away in the corner of Rikman's imagination, but that their broad influence is being restrained and minimized. (Gordon Gallery, 28 Gordon, Tel Aviv, Till May 24.)

JERUSALEM is enjoying such a surfeit of art exhibitions, led by the important shows at the Israel Museum, that we must be brief this week. AHARON GILADI is having his 70th birthday marked with a large retrospective (Jerusalem Artists House) which begins with his early figurative kibbutz paintings from the 1930s and a number of watercolours; but it is largely devoted to his familiar family groups of faceless, freely-brushed-in figures, oils which were formalized enough to win him a place in the New Horizons show of 1948.

The tenth anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem is being marked by a number of public and private shows. A mixed bag of Jerusalem artists — some newcomers, others veterans — are being



Work by Tamara Rikman.

exhibited at the Jerusalem Theatre, a frightful venue with totally unsuitable walls and lighting; why not at The Jerusalem Artists House? Perhaps the show is to mark the imminent opening of a "Gallery for New Artists" at this venue. Of note in this show are fine works by Louise Schatz, Zvi Tolkovsky, and David Gerstein and some delightful illustrations by Hava Epstein.

Jerusalem's hills and its fascinating thistles were almost the sole subjects of drawings in the last two decades of the life of LEOPOLD KRATZ, an architect who died in 1984. A selection of his superb drawings made between 1931 and 1984 are now on show at the Debel Gallery in Ein Karem, which is concurrently displaying a selection of bright lithographs by CALDER, all published by Maeght of Paris. Another "Homage to Calder" show has opened at the Israel Museum's Billy Rose Pavilion. Murals, photos and documents explain how the Calder stable at Holland Square came into existence.

At the Nora Gallery (9 Ben Maimon), MYRIAM BAT YOSEF is again showing her familiar ornamental decorations, some laced with written symbols. The show is in memory of her mother, who is the subject of a double portrait. The coloured drawings on paper are less pretentious and more effective than most of the paintings.

Common cause of women

VIEW FROM THE NORTH / Ya'acov Ardon



Shoshana Ellings. (Judah Passow)

AT SHORT NOTICE a group of women have formed a Women's Party to run in next week's Knesset elections, a move made out of despair of achieving progress in Israel through the existing parties, which either reject, ignore or sacrifice the demand for full equality for women to other interests. First on the new party's list is Shoshana Ellings, 48, a seventh generation sabra, Haifa-born, a mother of two and a grandmother of one. She is an astute and perceptive woman.

At the age of 16 she joined the Palmach and served in the Negev Brigade. After the War of Independence, she returned to a working life, followed by marriage, motherhood, divorce, financial hardship. She learned the taste of discrimination against women, working women in particular. Ten years ago she went back to school, passed the matriculation examination at the age of 38 and entered Haifa University to study philosophy and psychology, working the while.

With a B.A. degree in educational psychology she went to Tiberias to work for two years in the immigrant quarters and learnt, at ground level, the problems of disadvantaged youth. Two years ago she went to Jerusalem to complete her studies at the Hebrew University in clinical psychology and was appointed dean of students at the Bezalel School of Arts.

Shoshana Ellings' language is soft, her logic hard, her mood patient. "We have no illusions about the existing political parties taking up, sincerely and energetically, the cause of women. In that regard Israel is not different from France, Belgium or West Germany, where women's parties are now being formed for similar reasons and with similar aims.

"We cannot even say that our

Women's Party is something new on the political scene. Such a party existed already in the Assefat Hacholim (Assembly of Deputies), the representative body of the Jewish community in Mandated Palestine.

"That a women's party can make a difference, even a substantial one, is proved by experience: in the first, second and third Assefat Hacholim (between 1921 and 1947), the women's own list had as many members as all the other lists together. In other words, it doubled the number of women representatives."

THE LABOUR PARTY has been a big disappointment to Shoshana Ellings and her colleagues, and this was one of the motives of their starting a party of their own. The Labour Party sponsored a basic law on equality of rights for women that would have had constitutional character. It would have meant that any law at variance with women's equality of rights would be void. Prime Minister Rabin dropped the bill for the sake of political expediency (to get the NRP back into the coalition).

"We got spontaneous messages of support from men and women when we founded our party. We have an uphill struggle. We don't have enough money even to publish our programme properly."

The W.P. plans to press for recognition of housewives as working women, for equal opportunities of women in the labour market, in pay rates, promotion and representation, for optional civil marriage and divorce in the secular courts, for the right of planning their family, including the right to discontinue a pregnancy for non-medical reasons, for making wife beating an offence which the police will take more seriously than they do now, for day nurseries at a cost which working women can afford.

The list is long. Shoshana Ellings recalls that four generations of women, from 1850 to 1920, had to fight for full and equal suffrage with men. "We account for 50 per cent of the electorate... The social and economic discrimination affects practically every woman. In the past 29 years, the Knesset has not done nearly enough to eliminate the inequalities. The laws passed to that effect have remained on paper, and the most important have not been passed at all. Income tax, inheritance and labour laws need to be revised to give women a fair deal.

Shoshana Ellings, a woman with a psychologist's insight into people and their motives, and reserves of energy, realizes that the new party will have to work long and hard to mobilize the country's women to press their own cause. "We put our trust in the intellectual integrity of men that once they are confronted with inequality and injustice, they will eventually abolish them," says Ms. Ellings. "I'm reminded of what Sigmund Freud said: the voice of the intellect is feeble, but persistent."

Favourable impression

MUSIC / Yohanan Boehm

GWENNETH PRYOR — Piano Recital (Jerusalem House, May 8). Mozart: Sonata in D, K.511; Brahms: Variations and Fugue on a theme by Handel, opus 24; Gerard Schurmann: "Leotaurus"; Debussy: Suite Bergamasque; "Le labe Secours".

GWENNETH PRYOR, an Australian-born, London-based pianist, seems inclined to prefer a clear, objective reading to an emotionally involved interpretation. Thus, the first part of the programme did not stand out for dynamic shading or sophistication of touch — it was all rather robust, a little raw even, and definitely too loud for the acoustics of the Khan, which are very sensitive.

The rendition of the Schurmann piece presented to us a composer (Dutch-Hungarian, born in Indonesia, living in London), who keeps well within accepted musical language and succeeds in reaching his object: to evoke in some variations the capers of two animals

(the lion and the bull) in a circus, obviously thinking in terms of a ballet performance. Miss Pryor applied her considerable technical resources successfully and showed her capability to cope with a contemporary score, though the work itself did not awaken more than a fleeting interest.

In the rendition of the Debussy pieces, Miss Pryor at last applied some more subtle and sensitive colouring, reaching in "Clair de Lune" the range of poetic feeling required. This made one feel that, with a little more unbending, Gwenneth Pryor could reach higher spheres of artistic expression.

Finally, in her encore — a piece by Percy Grainger — rhythmic precision, folkloric characterization and contrasting dynamics gave the evening a lively and highly appreciable ending, leaving us with a favourable impression of Miss Pryor's capabilities.

Dedicated educator

IN MEMORIAM: Ze'ev Schickler

With the death of Ze'ev Schickler last month Jerusalem and Israel have been bereft of one of their finest sons.

Ze'ev and his wife Hadassah came as halutzim to Tel Yitzhak from Tarnopol in 1937. In 1940 they settled in Jerusalem. During Israel's War of Independence Ze'ev served with distinction as commander of the troops which defended Kiryat Shmuel and Katamon, including the area of the Church of St. Simon.

As a dedicated educator, he resolved that after the war there should arise in this area a youth village for the children coming through Youth Aliya from all the lands of the Diaspora. He felt that such a project needed the inspiration of Jerusalem for its location, and that Jerusalem would benefit from having a meaningful youth village situated within it.

The fulfilment of this dream came about in 1949 with the help of his devoted friend and colleague, Mr. Moshe Koi, who was then the head of the Youth Aliya Department of the Jewish Agency Executive. When they turned to me as Treasurer of the Jewish Agency Executive and President of the World Confederation of General Zionists to become identified with this Youth Village of Hanoar Hazioni, I deemed it a privilege to accept.

Ze'ev Schickler's love of nature and of beauty converted rocky soil into a garden spot of trees and flowers. His love of children made this youth village the home, school and training ground for children of the ages of 12 to 18, who graduated from the youth village into the army.

His life companion, Hadassah, herself an educator, and his son, Micha, were at his side in all his ideals and fulfillments.

Ze'ev Schickler was an educator par excellence. He headed "Yessodot," the central organization of the youth villages of Hanoar Hazioni. He taught also by personal example. In honour of his recent 60th birthday a year ago, a book was published, "Sefer ha'Mechanech," containing articles by eminent educators on educational themes, a fitting tribute to him.

To the children of our youth village, he was a source of inspiration. He loved every child. He tried to impart to them his own feeling for truth, goodness and beauty.

A noble, valiant son of our people, and an educator par excellence, has been taken from our midst. Yet his life's work will live in the hearts of his colleagues and through the lives of his disciples and in the annals of Jerusalem and Medinat Israel. Surely, his memory will be for a blessing. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

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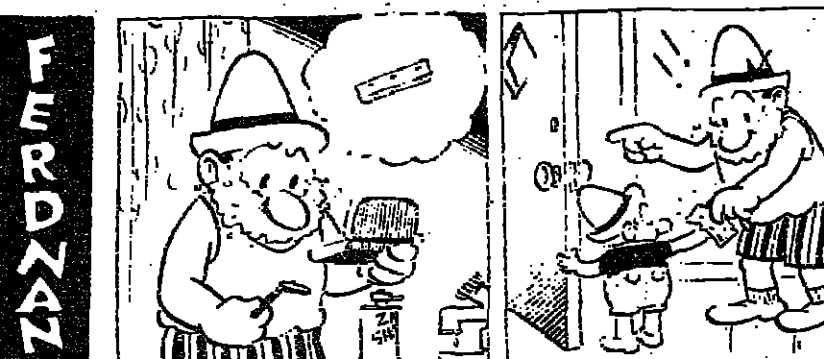
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13.00 Songs and news commentary
14.00 Election broadcasts
14.25 Songs
15.00 Songs of Jerusalem
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20.30 Songs of Jerusalem
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1. Wine good in water (5)
2. Barren, follow in the country (7)
3. Jack the groundman (4)
4. One turning at the price of (7)
5. Saint with much sin (5)
6. Girl with a ringing voice (5)
7. American Poet's drink (5)
8. Spiced for making a tear in the bed (7)
9. Where the ball went (5)
10. A girl's name (5)
11. Change what a native has from choice (5)
12. Sardinian (5)
13. These weaknesses are nothing to lie about (7)
14. It may illustrate one's ups and downs (5)
15. Felon asked by the bishop (5)
16. When cut, you've a right to be deuced with (7)
17. Deer led scatter and belittle (6)
18. Nominal piano piece (5)
19. Ruckus making drunken (5)
20. Infringe (5)
21. Mostly fresh water creatures (5)
22. Noble hand (4)
23. Sardinian (5)

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW

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May 14, 8.30 p.m. *Bat-Sheva Dance Company*
Jerusalem Theatre World premieres of works by
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May 14, 8.30 p.m. *Kennet Theatre (Britain)*
Khan "Dear Liar," by J. Kilty
(all tickets sold)
May 14, 8.30 p.m. *Varda Nishry — piano*
Israel Museum Bach: Preludes and Fugues from
"The Well-Tempered Clavier,"
Book 1
May 15, 8.30 p.m. *Yanola Pappas — soprano*
Khan *Arish Sachs — piano*
Ze'ev Steinberg — viola
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Meticulous checks on 6,000 medicines

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

It is no secret that Israelis are the world's pre-eminent drug takers. This does not mean we are a nation of dope addicts. It means we are fond of pharmaceuticals and, per capita, are probably the best customers a drug manufacturer could hope for.

No wonder, then, that the Israel National Drug Register lists more than 6,000 drugs!

According to the Manufacturers Association, local drug firms last year sold IL250m. worth of merchandise, and importers brought in some \$18m. of drugs. These are "ex-factory" figures, which means that actual sales were substantially higher.

"It all reflects on our way of life," says Dr. Emil Weisenberg, director of the Health Ministry's Institute for Standardization and Control of Pharmaceuticals. "We are a poor country. Yet, we always want the finest and most expensive products available — from clothing to cars. And this way of thinking applies to drugs too. The moment a new formulation is developed somewhere in the world, doctors here immediately scream for it, importers get busy and local drug manufacturers start sniffing out the commercial possibilities."

But getting a drug onto Israel's register is not easy. Though about 500 applications for registration are received annually, less than half are approved. And even these must have their approval re-appraised every five years.

How long does it take to get a drug approved in Israel? "It depends on the nature of the product," Weisenberg replied. "If it is already being imported and a local manufacturer wants to make it, it takes about six months to get our OK. If the drug is already in use abroad but has never been introduced here, the importer or local manufacturer has to wait for about a year till we complete our tests. If it is a brand-new formulation, it takes about two years from the day we receive the application until we are through with our investigations. If all is well, we issue authorization for use and sale of the item in this country."

Ironically, the Via Dolorosa a drug must pass through to get onto the Register is another factor making the list so relatively long for such a small country.

"Having your product approved for sale in Israel has become an important status symbol for the world's pharmaceutical makers, large and



Laboratory animal gets the first taste of a new cough medicine a pharmaceutical importer would like to put on the Israel market.

small," Weisenberg told *The Jerusalem Post*. "Our tests are among the most rigid anywhere. So, even if a producer knows sales in Israel are negligible in his overall marketing plan, approval for use here is a strong selling point for the drug all over the world."

What makes approval so long in coming is a simple fact: Israel refuses to accept foreign safety endorsements. As a result, even the most highly touted new antibiotic from the toughest prestigious pharmaceutical firm, backed up by reams of favourable medical findings, must undergo a complete "A-to-Z" series of laboratory and

of our several specialized physicians' advisory boards for the final stamp of approval. There are committees of gynecologists, radiologists, ophthalmologists, allergists and so on."

Sometimes, Weisenberg points out, exceptions are made to the rigid rules for approval. This happened some time ago when urinary tract infections were running high in Israel. More potent medications were needed fast. So, several of the usual tests were waived for a new antibiotic widely used abroad, to hasten its introduction here.

The snail's pace in approving new drugs is a two-faced sword; it also occasionally takes a bit too long to have a drug removed from the market. A case in point is the heart drug practolol.

Introduced in England in the early seventies, practolol, though useful, turned out to be harmful too. More than 800 claims have already been lodged against Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., with some families reporting that relatives had gone blind and deaf after taking the drug. ICI now expects to pay out between \$1m. and \$2m. in damage compensation.

Though the drug was removed from general use in Britain two years ago, it remained in use here until about a year ago. "Removing a drug from the market requires a grave decision. We must be very, very careful," says Weisenberg. "Such a decision could strike a lethal blow to the reputation of a fine drug manufacturer or importer in this country — through no fault of his own. Besides, our decisions to ban drugs after having approved them is challengeable in court."

Admittedly, Israel, because of its small population, is not a good proving ground for medicines' side effects and drug-drug interactions. In fact, the banning of practolol was based on published data from abroad, such as the item in "British Medical Journal" that practolol "may lead to blindness, deafness and sclerosing peritonitis."

Weisenberg also favours depending on foreign experience for banning cyclamates and the use of PVC packaging for cooking oil. He says: "Frankly, our budget is limited, which means we cannot test every health hazard reported elsewhere. So, why not play safe and avoid certain products, especially if they are not vital to life? You can live without cyclamates and there are other materials — like glass and tin cans — for packaging cooking oil. So why use PVC jars?"

Building a new nursing school at Assaf Harofe

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ONE of the two main problems facing the proposed "Nurit Katzir Memorial Nurses School" — finding the girls willing to train as nurses — has been solved. The other, finding the money to build it, will also be solved.

This is stated confidently by Mr. Julian Meltzer, President of the Friends of Assaf Harofe Hospital, in Zrifin. Although Mr. Meltzer is a long-time resident of this country — he came here in 1921 at the age of 17 — his connection with Assaf Harofe is fairly recent and mainly accidental. In 1969, he was hospitalized in this 612-bed government hospital (the third largest in Israel), of which he had heard little, although he lived at the time in nearby Rehovot.

The physical conditions — the hospital is a series of huts first used as a military hospital by the British Army — were not exactly inspiring. But the level of the medical attention, by both the doctors and the nurses, astounded him.

Since then, together with the Friends of the Hospital, he has raised some IL3m. for the institution. His latest project is to raise another IL10m. to build the modern nursing school.

"I worked for years at the Weiz-

mann Institute and became a close friend of the Katzir family. I watched Nurit grow up, and her tragic death (she was overcome by fumes from a gas stove she lit in a tightly closed room on a very cold night on November 12, 1966) hit all of us hard. When the question of naming the school came up, I went to Jerusalem and requested permission from the President, and his wife, Nina, to honour the memory of their daughter. They both agreed immediately."

The cornerstone will be laid on June 19, 1977, and the dedication has been scheduled for November 12, the anniversary of Nurit's death.

The school will accommodate 170 nurses; of these 70 will live in; the rest will commute daily from the nearby areas. The students will not only get free tuition, but also a little pocket money. (Kupat Holim nursing schools charge tuition and do not throw in any pocket money.)

The history of nursing at Assaf Harofe has had its ups and downs. The low was between 1973 and 1976 where it offered no courses whatsoever for registered nurses.

"We just couldn't find the girls willing to come to study in dilapidated buildings, even though our teaching standards were of University level, since we are af-

iliated to the Tel Aviv University Medical School," says Dr. Israel Klein, 40, who recently took over as Medical Director of the hospital, its 160 doctors, 470 nurses, 360 administration clerks and service workers, and 100 para-medical personnel.

Dr. Klein, who came here from his native Argentina in 1964 (he graduated from Cordova University there), has spent the past few years running the medical services in the Gaza Strip.

"In my opinion, the nursing staff is the pulsating heart of any hospital. I don't want to insult my fellow medical practitioners, but we have enough doctors in this country and we can easily hire administrators. But nurses? Just where do you go to find girls willing to train as nurses? And I say this, even though I know that before I joined the hospital here some 2,000 practical nurses and some 400 registered nurses were trained, as well as some 400 operating theatre nurses, and 400 midwives. But remember that the school was closed for three years."

He solved the problem in a very simple fashion. He went to the mayors of Rishon LeZion, Lod and Ramle — three nearby towns which send their patients to Assaf Harofe.

"If you want good medical ser-

vices, find us the girls to train," he said. They mobilized their efforts, and last year an incoming class of 30 students appeared, reopening the registered nurses schools. "We could have taken in another 30 excellent applicants, if we had the space," he said. To insure a steady supply of nursing applicants, he has established a "Nursing Council." Its members include the principals of the nearby high schools who try to influence their pupils to take up nursing as a profession.

Of the class of 1976, 13 girls are from the Oriental communities; another 13 are from Ashkenazi families. The remaining 10 students are men, all of them Arabs. "I only wish I could get some Arab girls," he says, "but most Arab families still like to keep their daughters at home."

This class, which started to study in the huts, will probably finish in the Nurit Katzir Memorial Nurses School. The problem is persuading the girls, and as many of the Arab boys as want to stay in the profession, to continue working at the hospital. Some have already indicated that they want to go on to the Tel Aviv University and get a bachelor's degree, since they pick up some university credits while studying nursing.

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Not enough done to make railway level crossings safe for drivers

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In the past ten years dozens of people have been killed or injured in level crossing collisions between trains and cars. One would expect the Transport Ministry and the Railways to have acted with speed and vigour to save human lives by using all the protective measures of modern technology. But, nothing of the kind has happened. This would be hard to believe, had the State Comptroller not set it down in black and white in his report: In each of 1975 and 1976 the Government allocated all of IL280,000 on installing or repairing warning lights and barriers at the 285 level crossings of the 800 km. railway network.

Rail and road traffic meet at three types of crossings: overhead or underground — the only really safe crossings by dint of the strict separation of the traffic streams; automatic barriers on either side of the track; and simple warning signs. Level crossings protected by automatic or manned barriers, or by warning lights, number one hundred. Another 185 are unprotected except for warning signs. Forty-five of these crossings are at highways, 120 at dirt roads and 20 at footpaths.

In the past ten years 113 accidents occurred at these crossings, causing casualties (the Comptroller does not say how many people were killed or injured, how many were disabled, how much was the cost in hospital bills, compensation for death and invalidity, and how great was the material damage).

In the five years ending in 1976 the traffic load increased and the situation grew worse, resulting in 72 accidents compared with 41 in the previous five years," the Comptroller writes. Half of all the accidents between 1969 and 1971 happened at crossings with warning signs only. From 1972 on the Railways did not keep up these statistics. The Railways also do not

This is part of the continuing series of reports on the State Comptroller's critique of the operations of government.

maintain a regular check of the warning signs along the tracks. Many are in a deficient state. Last January the Railways informed the Comptroller that these were of an old type and would be replaced.

How does the Government deal with the problem? Since 1962 an inter-ministerial committee on level crossings, set up by the Transport Minister, meets once a month to survey the situation and to recommend safety measures. Its members are delegates of the Transport, Police, Interior and Agriculture Ministries, and of the Railways.

It took the committee ten years to publish criteria for classifying crossings according to type of road and the traffic load. Since then — 1972 — the criteria have not yet been made legally binding.

In January the Railways stated that the committee was at work on making the criteria (on protection measures) legally binding...that there were protective measures at crossings "according to the budget at its disposal, apart from a special IL1m. allocation in November 1976."

The Railways should check the physical environment of the crossings and improve such elements as poor visibility and lighting. Among other means of making crossings safe were publicity through the news media. The Railways have engaged in practical-

ly no such publicity. They state that they have no budget for such educational drives.

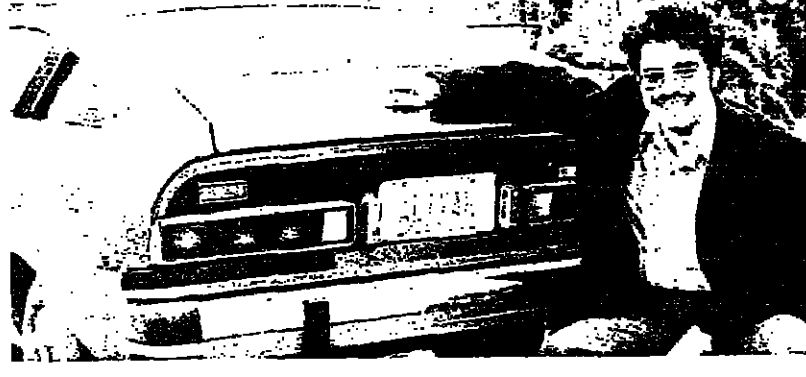
The Comptroller cites an example of how a life was lost through bureaucratic indifference. The committee on crossings laid down in 1972 that new roads should cross railway tracks on a different level. In that year the Housing Ministry submitted to the northern district town planning commission a plan for building 520 apartments in South Nahariya, west of the railway tracks. An approach road was to cross the railway tracks. The crossing must be on different levels, the committee decided.

The Transport Ministry insisted that an overhead bridge (to cost IL1m.) should be included in the plan. In the second half of 1975 the Housing Ministry began work on the housing project although the building plans were not yet approved.

In October 1976 a fatal accident occurred at the level crossing when a truck going to the building site was hit by a train. The Road Transport Controller asked the Nahariya municipality to stop the project not yet approved by the town planning commission. He also asked the Railways to close the level crossing to traffic. At the same time the general manager of the Railways asked the Transport Ministry's director general to prevail on the Housing Ministry to build the overhead road bridge forthwith.

A Knesset committee dealt with the problem because of a member's motion to the agenda.

The cost of the bridge was to be split among various Ministries. If there was no budget for the bridge warning lights and barriers should be installed so that building development should not be held up. The Knesset Committee noted that the Housing Ministry was at that stage prepared to share IL1m. of the cost of a bridge.



DRIVING ON ALIYA rather than the more pedestrian "coming" on aliya seems to be the idea of Aaron Rosenberg, who crouches smiling beside his car. In Florida motorists can order licence plates with a wording of their choice. Rosenberg, a student at Florida State University, plans to attend the seminar of the World Union of Jewish Students in Arad this July.

Ford may build trucks in Egypt

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, (UPI) — The Ford Motor Co., which has been on the Arab boycott list for dealings with Israel, said Tuesday that officials are trying to work out an agreement to resume building trucks in Egypt for the first time in 11 years.

A spokesman confirmed reports that the Egyptian Government in principle a possible joint venture valued at \$130m. to assemble trucks and manufacture diesel engines in Egypt.

Spokesmen would not say whether the joint venture with Egypt would follow removal of the company from the boycott list.

E.P. Williams, president of Ford Middle East and Africa, Inc., a Ford subsidiary, has travelled to Egypt in recent weeks and now is in Paris, a Ford spokesman said. But he refused to comment on a possible meeting between Williams and the Egyptian official.

If completed, the venture would involve the use of a Ford plant in Alexandria, built in 1960, for assembly of Ford medium trucks, and construction of a second plant to manufacture Ford four and six-cylinder diesel engines and six-cylinder turbo-diesel engines.

The existing Alexandria plant has been used only as a maintenance facility since 1968.

The Israel Automobile Corp., an assembler-dealer in Israel, buys un-assembled vehicles from Ford's British operations. In 1976, it purchased nearly 3,000 compact cars, vans and medium trucks.

Methanol to help save car fuel

FRANKFURT. — As the result of an automobile fuel saving test West Germany stands a good chance of cutting oil imports in the next few years. Hans Matthoefer, Minister for Research and Technology said recently.

Matthoefer described the test, made by the Volkswagen Motor Company in 1975 and last year, as a first step toward gaining independence in domestic fuel supply.

Assisted by Matthoefer's ministry, Volkswagen powered 45 automobiles with a mixture of 85 per cent of regular petrol and 15 per cent of methanol.

Methanol, an inflammable liquid, can be produced from coal of which West Germany has vast reserves. The cars covered 1.5m. kms. in the test runs from March 1975, to the summer of last year.

Dr. Wolfgang Lincke, the chief of the Volkswagen technical and legal research group, which was in charge of the test runs, said the fuel mixture had not caused any problems to the cars' engines.

He said the petrol-methanol mixture could be produced in high quantities in 1982 at the earliest. (UPI)



PEDESTRIAN sneaking through hole in the wire fence separating the traffic lanes in front of Jerusalem's Central Egged Station. The fence is meant to keep people off the road and make them use the underground passage built for their convenience — and safety. (Ellyahu Harati)

Ford may sell 6m. vehicles this year

DEARBORN, (AP). — Ford Motor Co. said this week "there is a good chance" the firm's worldwide vehicle sales this year could hit six million for the first time in history.

The forecast was made by Ford Chairman Henry Ford II and President Lee A. Iacocca in a just-released 1976 annual report.

Ford sold 5.42 million cars, trucks and tractors worldwide last year, and a record 5.97 million in 1975.

"The economy should continue to grow through the year and, as a result, we expect industry car sales in the U.S. to rise to 10.9 million, from 10.1 million 1976," Ford said.

GROUNDING — The Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) yesterday cut back its European flights because of a strike by 2,200 cabin staff.

Petrol stations allocated without bid

Half the 340 petrol stations in the country are located on land administered by the Israel Lands Authority. The Authority is entitled to lease sites for petrol stations to disabled veterans without public bids.

The Comptroller found that it had also allocated sites without tenders, contrary to the decision of the Israel Lands Council. This was in cases where the land in question was part of a moshav or kibbutz and the request by the settlement was supported by the Agriculture Ministry.

In a number of cases, stations were built without any contractual from IL1 million in 1976," Ford said. Comptroller found. In one case, a contract expired in 1963 and the station continued to operate without renewing the contract.

Paz opens 151st station

The Paz fuel company recently opened its 151st petrol station on the Ra'anana-Bet-Lid road, near the Kadima-Hadassim junction.

The station is one of the most modern in the country and occupies a five-dunam plot. It has a cafeteria and there are plans for adding a repair garage and facilities for fixing flat tires.

American Motors seen dropping out of American car making rat race

DETROIT, (AP). — American Motors Corporation is losing its struggle to compete successfully with the three major automobile manufacturers in the U.S. The company is among 24 automobile industry insiders and analysts interviewed by the Associated Press is that AMC is likely to abandon the American car market before the decade is over.

That doesn't mean it will go out of business. Rather, AMC is expected to drop car-making operations for the sake of non-automotive ventures, which already account for more than half its business.

AMC did alright as a small-car specialist while the other U.S. makers were building big cars. But the energy crisis and U.S. fuel-saving laws have prompted the big three to become small-car specialists too. And, with superior financial resources, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler can outdo AMC with newer, more innovative and more fuel-efficient models.

Most analysts interviewed believe U.S. President Jimmy Carter's plan to tax gas-guzzling cars and give rebates to owners of fuel-saving models will hasten the demise of AMC as a car producer, because it will accelerate the big three's development of small cars. In addition, new small car competition has come with Volkswagen's establish-

ment of a U.S. assembly operation and the likelihood that several Japanese makers may do the same. AMC chairman Roy D. Chapin Jr. denies his firm has immediate plans to drop out of the car market. "We're suffering, but we've pulled through before," he said in an interview. But the numbers are disconcerting.

U.S. car sales are off for a third consecutive year, to \$4,000 through April — fewer than half what they were in 1974.

AMC's market share is under 1.8 per cent, the smallest since the company was formed more than two decades ago.

Four imports are outselling AMC: Toyota, Datsun, Volkswagen and Honda.

After losing \$74m. in 1975 and 1976, AMC earned \$3.7m. in the first half of fiscal 1977, thanks to profitable non-auto operations.

Cars running on sugar cane alcohol?

RIO DE JANEIRO, (AP). — Brazilians may be able to switch their car fuel from gasoline to sugar cane alcohol. If officials with the Aviation Technical Institute realize their hopes.

Officials with the institute, located in Campos, Sao Paulo State, say they have developed equipment which can convert any gas-powered engine to alcohol and that the equipment can be distributed on the market within two years.

They say it will cost a little over 3,000 cruzeiros (\$200) to attach the equipment to a car like the Volkswagen.

A major producer of sugar cane, the country is involved in a crash programme to build distilleries turning cane into alcohol for fuel. Last year, Brazil harvested 1,250,000 tons of sugar cane.

Brazil, which last year had a \$2.5b. balance of payments deficit, spent \$3.6b. on foreign oil in 1976 and is expected to pay \$4b. for petroleum imports this year.

Higher curbside parking fees

Curbside parking fees in Jerusalem have been raised from 60 agorot per hour to one pound. This equalizes Jerusalem's fees with those in Haifa and Tel Aviv. Under an agreement among the three municipalities some time ago, parking stubs issued in any of the cities will be recognized by the others.

Drivers who have the cheaper stubs in their possession can continue to use them until June 23, at which time they must be exchanged for new ones.



Citroen offers economical small four-seater

The new Citroen LN, which the company produces jointly with Peugeot, is now being marketed here by David Lubinsky Ltd. The 602 cc, two-cylinder engine of the car is made by Citroen and develops 32 horsepower. The engine is air-cooled and the car has front-wheel drive.

The Citroen LN is reported to give 18 km per litre of petrol driving at an

average of 90kph on the highway. Its transmission has four synchronized forward gears. The front wheels have disk brakes.

The three-door Citroen seats four and with the back seats folded down has ample luggage room. It is offered in blue, red, beige and white. Its price is IL79,400.

IN THE SUPREME COURT SITTING AS HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
Before Justices Elzoni, Kahane and Asher
Yehuda Ressler, Petitioner, v. Chairman, Central Elections Committee & Others, Respondents (H.C. 60/77)

LAW REPORT
The Jerusalem Post
Edited by Doris Lankin

Basic law can be amended by ordinary law

The High Court of Justice discharged an order nisi calling on the Chairman of the Central Elections Committee and others to show cause why sections 15 and 15A of the Elections (Methods of Propaganda) Law, 1959, should not be declared invalid.

The petitioner had argued that sections 15 and 15A, which lay down guidelines for the length of electioneering propaganda on the radio and television, were repugnant by implication, to the principles of equality laid down in section 4 of the Basic Law. The Knesset, and should therefore have been passed by an absolute majority vote of all members of the Knesset during all the stages of its legislation, in accordance with section 46 of the Basic Law. This section provides that: "The majority required by this Law for a variation of section 4... shall be required for decisions of the Knesset plenary at every stage of law-making, except a motion for the Knesset agenda. In this section 'variation' means both an express and an implicit variation."

On the return day, the respondents' representative counter-argued that the Elections (Confirmation of Validity of Laws) Law, 1969, made the petitioners' arguments groundless. This Law provides that: "1(a) For the removal of doubt it is hereby declared that the provisions contained in the Knesset Elections Law are valid for the purposes of any law and of any matter or thing as from the date of their coming into force."

The petitioner appeared on his own behalf and Mrs. D. Elzoni, Senior Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the respondents.

DECISION

Justice Elzoni, who delivered the reasoned decision of the High Court, noted that he would not consider the question of the petitioner's right of standing in view of the final conclusion he had reached. Nor would he decide the question of whether the provisions of sections 15 and 15A of the Methods of Propaganda Law (which vest parties already represented in the Knesset with extra propaganda time on the radio and television) are in fact repugnant to the principles of equality laid down in section 4 of the Knesset Law (which provides that the Knesset shall be elected by general, national, direct, equal, secret and proportional elections and that section 4 shall not be varied save by a majority of the members of the Knesset.)

Prima facie, therefore, the Confirmation of Validity of Laws Law applies to sections 15 and 15A and removes any defects from which these sections may suffer (if they do, in fact, suffer from any), since the intention of the legislature in enacting this law is absolutely clear and unequivocal: to prevent litigation concerning the validity of the Knesset election laws.

However, continued Justice Elzoni, the petitioner had argued that a Basic Law, such as the Knesset Law, could be amended only by another basic law, and that the Elections (Confirmation of Validity of Laws) Law did not carry the appellation "Basic Law," it could not validate any laws which change the principles laid down in section 4 of the Knesset Law. In pressing this argument, he noted, the petitioner had relied on an article by Professor Klein in Mishpatim II, p. 51. He for his part agreed with the respondents' counsel, however, held Justice Elzoni, that with all due respect to Professor Klein, there is no basis or precedent for the theory

that a basic law can be amended only by a law expressly described by the Knesset as a "Basic Law." On the contrary, the High Court had held, on a previous occasion, that the Knesset, which is the sovereign legislative body of the country, is entitled to amend the provisions of a basic law in any manner it deems fit as long as it conforms with any express provisions of that basic law.

Furthermore, the High Court pointed out, on this same occasion, that the Knesset Law itself vests the Knesset with the power to deviate from the principle of equality contained in section 4 as long as this variation is voted for by a majority of the Knesset members (see H.C. 148/74, I.P.D. 27/794). As, therefore, the Confirmation of Validity of Laws Law had in fact been passed by 61 members of the Knesset, the result is that it completely validates sections 15 and 15A of the Methods of Propaganda Law, even if they should contain any defects.

Order nisi discharged with IL2,000 costs.

Judgment given on April 14, 1977.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Fading market shatters some investors' dreams

TEL AVIV. — "What goes up rapidly can go down just as fast" was the prophetic warning of the management of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. In the current stage of the "bear market" the warning is being amply fulfilled. The fading of the market undoubtedly shatters many of the dreams of individuals who entered the market only two weeks ago and were unfortunate enough to buy in at the top. At least for the time being their hopes for a "quick killing" have been dispelled.

It is just possible that yesterday's large turnover in excess of 11.5m. may be a signal for a bottoming out. Security advisers are not that optimistic, since they feel that until the election uncertainties are settled and out of the way the market will act in a nervous fashion.

Commercial banks, on balance, not only outperformed the sagging market but showed scattered gains throughout the list. Mizrahi cleared the 200 mark to 200.5 on a one-point gain. I.D.B. eked out a half point gain to 321.5 but Bank Leumi and Hapoalim were unchanged. Unifon Bank was down two to 436 and the options eased by three to 324. The Hapoalim shares, which have been dominating the "most active issues" list, are reacting to rumours of a new financing issue to come out later this summer.

Last year's positive results of the commercial banks, with marked increases in balance sheet totals, certainly warrant additions to the bank's capital base. Furthermore, the recent very successful Bank Leumi issue, indicative of the ability of the banks to raise capital on the local exchange.

Mortgage bank issues were not that fortunate, as prices moderated downwards. Tefahot was relatively hard hit as it gave up 14 points to 361. Carmel was "sellers only" and was adjusted downwards to 343.

Insurance stocks were all lower as the losses registered, in some instances, were substantial. In the 31st Arbeh gave up 50 points to 612. Haasneh gave up 32 points to 440. Sahar was "sellers only" and was fixed at 1,258, while Taur dropped by 42.5 points to 515.

Delek reg. opened on a "sellers only" basis and was dropped to 390. In the variables the price went as low as 390 but no final price was established. The bearer shares were "sellers only" at 595 and no further trading took place in the variables. Israeli Cold Storage went ex-dividend and quoted higher at 2,140. The IL10 shares were "sellers only" and adjusted to 609.

Israel Electric was a heavy loser. Also it opened as "sellers only" and was fixed at 593. In the variables the shares continued to fall and closed at 569 for an overall loss of 80 points. Land development and real estate issues registered relatively large losses. Africa-Israel IL10 shares were 14 lower at 554. ILDC lost 10 to 190 after being as low as 181. Property and Building lost 12 to 242. Speculative Yisrovo was a major casualty as the shares lost 10 per cent to an even 200.

Mehadrin did not trade as a result of a "sellers only" situation and was priced at 570. Israel Citrus Plantations was a 39 point loser at 520. Neot Aviv also gave 10 per cent and closed at 290.

Industrialists were battered as investors unloaded their holdings. Alliance was 25 lower at 940. Elco IL2.5 was especially hard hit as its price declined by 59 points to 350. Electra IL5 lost 32.5 to 330. Other shares in the Electra group were all "sellers only." Ata "C" was eight down to 176. The deferred shares, however, were "buyers only" at 347 and then continued to soar until they closed at 375 for an overall 45-point gain on the session. Wire and Cables was 19 lower at 159. Dead Sea works dropped 37 to 335. Polygon was 17 lower at 258.

Investment companies were typical of market conditions. Paz investments was "sellers only" at 455 and dropped subsequently another 21 to 444. Wolfson IL10 lost 12 to 168. Elern was 31 lower at 370. The investment companies of the Big Three banks all showed losses which ran as high as nine points. Jordan Exploration was 45 lower at 3,255, but the warrants were "sellers only" at 3,120. Piryon Investments fell by 50 to 565.

The index-linked bond marked continued lackluster in quiet trading.

The "Nafat investment dollar continued its rebound as it added four agorot to stand at IL1.77 after a demand of almost \$400,000.

The general index of share prices fell 1.70 per cent to 127.16.

Most active issues

I.D.B.	180-1.0	IL1,430,200
Bank Leumi	322 n.c.	IL1,204,800
Bank Leumi	247.5 n.c.	IL597,300
Shares traded:		IL38.2m.
Bonds:		IL14.1m.
Debit:		IL11.77+44g
Turnover:		\$284,000

DOLLAR-LINKED DEBITURES	11.5.77	10.5.77
5% Dead Sea	b	—
5% Dead Sea Junior	b	—
5% Electric Corp. B.	b	—
PURCHASE IN DOLLARS	128.5	128.3
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Absorp. 1968 (1)	b	772 772
Absorp. 1967 (1)	b	772 772
Bit 1968 (41)	b	360 360
Bit 1969 (41)	b	264 264
Bit 1968 6.5% (66)	b	354 353
Bit 1968 6.5% (91)	b	327 324.5
OPTIONALS		
Dev. 296	b	361 361
Dev. 313	b	329 330.5
Dev. 4% (3001)	b	—
CONVERTIBLES		
10% IDB	r	153 153
10% Leumi (5)	r	200 202.5
10% Mizrahi (2)	r	186.5 186.5
10% Tefahot (39)	r	—
10% Delek	r	235 244
10% Disc. Inv. (72)	r	160 160
10% Leumi Inv. (102)	r	202 205

BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS		
Otar Hityashvit	r	288 285
I.D.B. pref.	r	498 498
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	321.5 321
Union "A"	r	438 440
Discount "A"	r	324 327
United Mizrahi	r	200.5 199.5
Hapoalim	r	322 322
Leumi "A"	r	247.5 247
Gen. Mortgage	r	287 270
Dev. & Mortgage	r	253 253
Housing Mortg.	r	241 244
Tefahot 5% pref.	r	361 376
Tefahot	r	155 160
Unit. & Dev. 5% pref.	r	612 622
Arbeh	r	640 472
Haasneh Insurance	r	1148 1220
Behar — "C"	r	—

REAL ESTATE, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS		
Asorim	r	—
Africa Israel IL10	r	—
Int. Land Dev.	r	—

WALL STREET		
ASA Ltd.	—	—
Am Motors	—	—
Amer. T & T	64%	64%
Alt Rich	15%	15%
Avco	48%	48%
Bell How	20%	20%
Beth St.	3%	3%
Bosong	62%	62%
Brist Ky	62%	62%
Burroughs	57%	57%
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Celanese	12%	12%
Chase Man	30%	30%
Chrysler	17%	17%
Coca Cola	73%	73%
Con Ed	38%	38%
Crown Zell	38%	38%
Curtis Wri	18%	18%
Dow Chem	36%	36%
Dupont	57%	57%
East KDK	51%	51%
Exxon	—	—
Fair Cam	29%	29%
Ford	1	1
Gen Dynam	84%	84%
Gen Foods	31%	31%
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Tourism boom spurs hotel construction

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The tourism boom of the last year and a half has given new impetus to building projects. Two such plans, for facilities in Jerusalem and at the Dead Sea, were recently approved by the Tourism Ministry.

For the capital, the ministry gave the go-ahead for construction of 1,500 new rooms, in the three and four-star categories. They will supplement the 8,300 rooms now available and 800 in various stages of construction.

The new rooms will come none too soon. Hoteliers in the capital have been wringing their hands over a problem that they only dreamed about in previous years: overbooking. One hotel sales manager explained that it is virtually impossible to work on a basis of accepting only as many reservations as there are places.

The agents book blocks of rooms, he said, and then they might well pull out at the last minute, leaving us with rooms on our hands. Of course, we could make them pay a stiff fine, but then they wouldn't work with us in the future.

Usually things work themselves out, but occasionally the hotel finds itself faced with far more people than beds, and no other vacancies in the hotel. On occasion, whole tours have had to stay as far away

as Herzliya, coming into Jerusalem each day by bus.

According to the predictions of the ministry, by 1985 there should be some 1,800 five-star hotel rooms and 1,800 in the four-star range, all with an occupancy rate of 75 per cent. There will be 730 three-star establishments, with a 67 per cent occupancy rate.

The Tourism Ministry spokesman warned the builders that there will be a general check in six months. If construction work is not in the offing, the permits will be given to someone else.

The ministry also approved a IL18m. project for a tourism centre at the Dead Sea, to be constructed by Rasco. In addition to two hotels, one of them popular-priced, the project will include health, entertainment and restaurant facilities.

These should not only be of value to the two new hotels, but also those already situated at the Dead Sea. Hotel owners in the area have long complained that after taking their cures, guests have nothing to do.

Approval was also given for the addition of 44 rooms to the Galei Zohar Hotel in the Dead Sea region.

In another development, the ministry approved plans to build a swimming pool on Mt. Hermon, in order to attract visitors in the summer, when the ski facilities are unused.

When may an ex-income tax man work for taxpayer whose file he has handled

By SHLOMO MAOZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

For the first two years after leaving the service, income tax officials will not be allowed to represent taxpayers with whose files they had dealt, according to an order issued by the Income Tax Commissioner. The instructions are based on the "cooling off" law of 1969.

Also, civil servants may not represent taxpayers, for a period of one year, when dealing with other civil servants who were under their authority while they were in the service. Nor are civil servants permitted to take a job or receive any benefits from a business with which they had dealings while in the government service.

The restrictions issued by the Income Tax Commissioner do not, however, bar tax officials from taking salaried appointments with certified public accountants or law offices, or from setting up limited liability companies and thereby circumventing the cooling-off period. This emerged from a narrow set of questions put to the spokesman of the Income Tax Administration.

Jaysour shows IL5.5m. profit

TEL AVIV. — The Jaysour Mortgage Bank issued its annual statement for the period ending December 31, 1976 and showed a net profit of IL5.5m. Elias Sourasky, chairman of Jaysour's board of directors, apparently has settled his differences with the Ministry of Finance. The Mexican banker and director of companies, after whom the bank is named, had threatened to withdraw all of his financial interests in Israel. The nature of his differences with the ministry were not disclosed.

Sourasky, who founded Tel Aviv's Gan Ya'acov, has also donated several million dollars for the building of additional facilities at Ichilov Hospital. The progress has been so slow, however, that he has withdrawn his support.

Though business activity fell in 1976, the bank's balance sheet showed growth which was attributed to the creeping devaluations of the Israeli pound. The bank's funds are all in U.S. dollars and therefore the assets were revalued accordingly. The bank carries devaluation insurance by the Government.

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Harold Bromel

Technology '77 doubles exhibits

By MACABEE DEAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — America is doubling its exhibits at this year's Technology '77 exhibition, Harold Bromel, director of the U.S. exhibition, said here yesterday. If at Technology '76, America had 35 exhibits, this time the number stands at 70. And if at the last one, all the firms had local representatives, this time some of the U.S. companies are not only seeking agents, but are also interested in signing licensing agreements.

Technology '77 will open on June 8 and run through June 15.

The U.S. firms are concentrating in three main areas: automotive diagnostic equipment — a method of running a series of tests on a car to find out what ails it. Machine tools, metal working, metal finishing and metallurgical equipment constitute the second group, with laboratory instrumentation making up the third.

Bromel pointed out that Technology '77 was an international showcase with American firms competing for business with companies from other countries.

William B. Dostler, counsellor of the U.S. embassy for economic and commercial affairs, noted that his country was not only intensely interested in the Israeli market as such, but also saw Israel as a potential showcase for doing business in nearby countries, such as Greece, Cyprus and Iran.

The American exhibition, as well as all others, will be aimed at businessmen, professionals, top executives and company representatives, not only from Israel, but from many other parts of the world, Bromel said.

Teaching technical skills

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE WORLD'S developing countries are intent on developing the skills of their people. Degem Systems Ltd., the Aludim industrial park science-based firm, specializes in the development of systems for technological training. The systems are available for sophisticated subjects such as electronics or for the more mundane fields such as carpentry. A further development is the mobile educational centre, which is a self-contained classroom on wheels.

According to Degem's sales manager, the firm is now expanding into the South American market. Since none of the systems had been sold in that part of the world, he could not establish credibility by giving references. Instead, he showed a reprint of an article about the firm printed in *The Jerusalem Post* six months ago.

The results of the recent South American sales effort have been spectacular. Degem has just signed contracts for the supply of several hundreds of mobile educational centres. The value of the orders is several tens of millions of dollars. The centres will provide educational materials for instruction in 29

technical subjects. The new buyers of Degem systems are in Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, and some other South American countries.

Besides the mobile training centres, the orders call for "regional logistics centres." These will provide the maintenance of the mobile units as well as laboratories for the reproduction of the materials used in instruction.

The development of these centres came as a result of the belief of Israel Asher, Degem's managing director, that the Israeli experience in teaching its immigrant population could be applied to developing countries. In fact, early in the company's history, its equipment was approved for use by Israel by the Ministry of Education.

So as to be able to supply the orders the company is tripling its work force of 70 production employees and engineers. Degem is now introducing a new line of products for the military market which teach the principle of digital communications.

Management says that its major task is the efficient organisation of its production facilities so as to meet the delivery dates for its order backlog.

Lufthansa's cargo jumbo big success

TEL AVIV. — Lufthansa's nose-loading jumbo, the first freighter model of Boeing's 747 wide-body aircraft, is now entering its sixth year of operation, having logged a total of 20m. kilometres — the equivalent of 50 flights to the moon.

Over the past five years, Lufthansa's 747 freighter has carried 380,000m. pounds of cargo. For five years, the 747 freighter has been Lufthansa's "work horse" on the North Atlantic, operating six times weekly between New York and Frankfurt, and since 1973, three times weekly via Boston.

At New York's Kennedy Airport, Lufthansa built a \$18.2m. cargo facility expressly for its 747 with a special nose dock for off-and-on loading.

The airline's pioneering role with the 747 freighter proved to be a successful one. Operating statistics for the first year showed an average cargo load factor of 65 per cent. The total cargo transported in the first

year was more than 30m. pounds in each direction.

Among the 747's unusual cargo have been 85,000 bottles of wine, snow-plowing trucks, oil rigging equipment, a 40-foot mobile TV studio, six sports planes on one flight, two-man submarines for underwater exploration and space satellites for solar research.

Kupat Holim budget

TEL AVIV. — The Kupat Holim Central Committee yesterday approved a development budget of IL385m. for 1977-7

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A tragic moment

THE CIRCUMSTANCES surrounding the crash of an air force helicopter, and the death of all 54 men and officers aboard in the course of manoeuvres Tuesday night, are now under investigation. It is to be expected that the cause, whether a technical fault or a human error or both, will be established, and that the proper lessons will be drawn.

This does not, needless to say, assuage the terrible pain of the bereaved families, nor does it relieve the nation's sorrow over the cruel plucking of some of the flower of its youth. Israel's neighbours have often made the point, in a tone of derision, that, bursting as they are with manpower, they can afford the loss of millions in the battlefield. Israel never could, and never will, feel it can spare the loss of a single life.

The country's flags are at half mast, entertainment events have been called off, and the election campaign has been halted for 48 hours. Perhaps, if there is any consolation at all for the dreadful loss, it is in this renewed demonstration of the nation's ability to rise, as one family, above petty divisions, at a critical, or as in this case, a tragic moment.

Jerusalem

EVEN AS the nation mourns, it also marks the tenth anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. The juxtaposition testifies to the bitter yet redemptive struggle for national survival and national independence which has been Israel's fate.

That struggle is far from over, and in that struggle Jerusalem will remain the symbol of national redemption. But it will also remain the target for those who would deny this goal to the Jewish people.

The challenge has long been recognized. Much has been done to counter it. The physical development of the city in the past ten years has taken into account those forces who would seek to smother the city again. But no less important, the overall policy of the Government and especially the Municipality has been to foster a spirit of tolerance to provide the human underpinnings of cohesion amidst diversity.

As a result, despite the continuing political conflict in the Middle East, Jerusalem has developed a reality of its own: of quiet cooperation between the various ethnic communities, religious groups, and national identities.

If not always united politically or ideologically, they are united by their love of the city, and one day this feeling may itself pierce the human barriers that still remain.

Under Mr. Kollek's leadership, the city has sought to translate Jerusalem's special qualities into the very process of physical development, by seeking to preserve and enhance its beauty, not simply as a spiritual object, but as a vibrant living city.

Yet much remains to be done. The needs of the capital and its central strategic and political role in Israel's future must be given fuller expression in the scale of national priorities.

The routine procedures of planning, bureaucracy and competition for limited resources must give way to a cohesive and determined programme of development designed exclusively for Jerusalem.

Such a Jerusalem Programme will require more than rhetoric and more than local enthusiasm. It will require national focus and national resources of a new order.

Under Mr. Kollek, the city, in the past decade, has shown that it is geared for the responsibility and the challenge of Jerusalem's singular role.

The new Government and new Knesset will have to provide new dimensions for the decade ahead.

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Israel-U.S. relations

HABETZ (Independent) says that, while it is doubtful that agreement on substantive issues was reached between Presidents Carter and Assad, "it would be a mistake for Israel to ignore the cumulative effect on the American administration, and on President Carter in particular, of insouciance of the Arab stand." On the other hand, "The heads of the Arab states cannot ignore the elements becoming apparent in the American stand which are acceptable to Israel." The outstanding question at this time, the paper believes, is whether the 'confrontation states' can go to Geneva without the PLO. At present, there is no agreement on this matter among the Arab states. But this situation is liable to alter in the not distant future. Thus, Assad's consent to 'give Carter a chance' is liable to hasten the moment 'when Israel will have to take difficult decisions concerning the PLO.'

DAVIA (Histadrut) asserts that "one cannot ignore the worrying signs of recent days in the sphere of Israel-U.S. relations." Whatever the concrete results of the Carter-Assad meeting, "the impression is that any progress made, was made principally as a result of U.S. accommodation to the position of the Arab states." President Carter's remarks on demilitarized zones "constitute a marked retreat from his distinction, two months ago, between Israel's political borders and defence lines — even temporary ones — for a period of eight to ten years." Similarly, the American President's reiteration of the term "Palestinian homeland" would seem to hint at his "having drawn closer to the declared Arab stand," though it is not clear if there is agreement on this subject among the Arab countries themselves. In the light of all this, "particular importance" attaches to Foreign Minister Allon's meeting with Secretary of State Vance — at which, the paper avers, Mr. Allon undoubtedly told his U.S. counterpart that "American plans or ideas that ignore the need for a fair compromise and the principle of defensible borders, are unacceptable to Israel, and that guarantee of Israel's continued military strengthening is a 'sine qua non' for significant Israeli territorial concessions." Israel is not interested in a confrontation with the recently inaugurated American administration. However, the paper concludes, "it is precisely because of the deeply rooted relations and friendship between the two countries that Israel will not recoil, when the need arises, from fighting for its just cause before the American public and its elected representatives."

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ON APRIL 12, the deadline for the submission of party lists to the Central Elections Committee, the National Religious Party's nominations committee injected into the second place on its Knesset list a newcomer to politics: Rabbi Haim Druckman, head of Yeshivat Or Etzion, at Shafrin in the northern Negev. Only a few hours later, Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook issued an enthusiastic endorsement of the National Religious Party, which began with the words, "Now, after the inclusion of our beloved Rabbi Haim Druckman on the list of national-religious Jewry..."

The full import of that mark of approval can only be appreciated when contrasted with the contempt with which Rabbi Kook (son of the late Chief Rabbi) spoke of the NRP in an interview in June 1974: "The name 'National Religious Party' as used today is a lie... Today the NRP is null and void." That was shortly after the NRP had joined the National Religious Party, which Rabbi Kook did not think could be trusted to hold on to Judea and Samaria.

INTERVIEWED last week, Rabbi Druckman said that he had tried to resist the tremendous pressure exerted on him to serve in the NRP. For he had always considered educa-

Religious goals, political means



Rabbi HAIM DRUCKMAN, the somewhat unexpected No. 2 man on the NRP list in the Knesset elections, tells ARYEH RUBINSTEIN of his purposes in entering the political arena, after serving as head of Yeshivat Or Etzion.

tion his mission in life. "It was Rabbi Kook who decided for me. He said that the burning issues that affect the entire nation come first."

Haim Druckman, now 44, is a stranger to the NRP. Born in Poland, he came to this country on a Youth Aliya transport from Rumania in 1944. After studying at the Bnei Akiva yeshiva at Kfar Haroeh, he became a *kommunar* (coordinator) in Bnei Akiva, the NRP's youth movement, then a member of the Bnei Akiva national executive, and then the movement's emissary in the U.S. At the age of 28, he entered Yeshivat Mercaz Harav in

Jerusalem, a road that led him to the headship of Or Etzion.

People who know Or Etzion say there is nothing unorthodox about it, unlike other yeshiva high schools that take only the brightest grade-school graduates. Or Etzion, they add, does not consider it the acme of achievement to stuff yet another page of Talmud into the pupils' heads. The teachers are more than purveyors of subject matter; they are true educators. And there is time for basketball.

Did it make sense, I asked Rabbi Druckman, to give up all this for a Knesset seat? Might not a first-rate

educator turn into — I hope I put it more elegantly — a second-rate politician?

"First of all, I'm not leaving the yeshiva. I wish you'd stress that. And secondly, even in the Knesset I see my task as that of educator. I hope I won't descend to the level of a party functionary. After all, it was for my unique qualities that I was urged to join the NRP list. But wasn't it for his anticipated vote-drawing power that the NRP bosses wanted him? So that the Gush Emunim people would vote for it and not for the Likud? Because he was worth an additional Knesset seat — as the NRP women were reassured when their candidate was demoted from 10th place to 21th by Rabbi Druckman's inclusion?"

"That was a good answer for those who had to be appeased. But, at best, it was a secondary consideration."

YET WASN'T IT undesirable to mix politics and religion? (Prof. Ephraim Rubach, a recent interviewee, called the mixture "bad for the religion of Israel and bad for the state of Israel.")

"If what is being urged is the separation of the Torah and the State," replied Rabbi Druckman, "that's impossible. The Torah does not turn to the individual but to the nation. And the Torah's ideal is Israel as a sovereign nation. The late Chief Rabbi Kook put it beautifully. The Torah of the Diaspora (*Tora b'futa*), where the environment is hostile, is for the individual, for the family. But the Torah of Eretz Yisrael is for the entire State."

Granted that the concept of separation of church and state is foreign to Judaism, didn't religious political parties do more harm than good? Weren't their goals often opposed not because of the nature of the goals but because they were sponsored by a political party, which might benefit politically by achieving them?

"Everything of a religious nature that has been achieved in this country was achieved by the organized religious public, and only after a struggle. This is true of religious education, of religious agricultural settlements, everything."

But there's a second aspect. The Torah has something to say about everything that is being done here, including political questions. We have returned to Eretz Yisrael; the Torah must return too. It must become the Torah of the nation. Who will give voice to this ideal if not the men of Torah?"

Still, why was it necessary for the religious public to organize as a political party?

"It is a fact of life in Israel that only political parties can accomplish anything. It might have been assumed, for instance, that it is a parent's basic right to have his children educated as he wishes. In fact, however, it was necessary to fight for religious education. Of course, those who are opposed to religious education would be pleased if the religious parties were to dissolve."

If the NRP's Knesset representation declines, and if it is not a part of the government coalition, will State Religious education be liquidated?

"Heaven forbid! Who would do such a thing? But I believe the NRP's strength in religious education will be strengthened."

I RAISE the question of credibility. In the 1973 election the party solemnly promised that it would not join a coalition unless the government agreed to amend the Return (so that only converts according to Halacha) would be recognized. But then it did join the coalition without getting such a promise. Was this not more serious than the disregard of campaign promises by a political party? Didn't this sort of thing discredit not only the party, but the cause that it claimed to represent?

"I can't answer. I understand the puzzle that this evoked. If promises are made they should be kept. If they aren't, it's a serious failure."

Did Rabbi Druckman agree that there was an abyss of misunderstanding separating the religious and the non-religious? And if so, what was the solution?

"Yes, that is one of the fundamental problems facing us. The religious and the non-religious must meet, must get to know one another. When you meet, the barriers fall. I have regular contact with non-religious youth (he conducts weekly classes), and I've learned that if you can't always change their opinions at least you can win their understanding."

But if this encounter was so important, how did he justify the army exemption, or even deferment, granted to yeshiva students? Apart from the question of the shrinking of the national duty, was this not a self-imposed isolation? From this aspect, wasn't even the header framework (where army service is integrated with yeshiva study) for all that can be said in its favour, a kind of ghetto?

"The header boys are quite visible. There is a true encounter between them and the other soldiers. They are respected both as fine soldiers and for their high moral standard. And I know of non-religious soldiers who maintain contact with the header boys they have met, correspond, and even visit them at their yeshiva."

That you didn't comment on the first part of my question — about the yeshiva students who don't serve at all?

"I know."

THERE HAS BEEN a revolution in the NRP, I observe. Until now, the party was a religious omnibus that appealed for support to religious voters with a variety of views on political and socio-economic questions. The argument was that what united the religious voters was stronger than what divided them.

This had now changed. Clearly, the NRP's political goal of holding on to Judea and Samaria overshadowed any of its religious goals. How then could it expect the support of religious "doves"?

"I don't agree," says Rabbi Druckman. "That the NRP has departed from its traditional way. Unlike other religious parties, we have always stressed Eretz Yisrael. In the Six Day War, we had no intention of attacking Jordan. It was Providence that restored those parts of Eretz Yisrael to us. What religious Jew will not accept that? That is an integral part of our religious outlook. It's not just a 'political' matter."

One of the NRP's Knesset candidates — in a safe spot on the list — had told me that the party neglected religious education by its undue emphasis on "territories, territories, territories." Was this not true?

"No, I don't accept that."

THE NRP's two main demands for joining the next Government are (1) no territorial concessions in Judea and Samaria, and (2) getting the Education portfolio (for MK Ze'ev Hammer). If it had to choose between the two, was there any doubt that it was the territories that would take precedence?

"No doubt about it."

Did this not prove that the cause of Jewish education was suffering from the emphasis on territorialism?

"The NRP's splendid educational achievements were attained even though it did not have the Education portfolio. True, when we get that portfolio we'll be able to accomplish more. But if part of Eretz Yisrael should fall out of our hands, Heaven forbid, future generations would never forgive us."

Ever if we got a true peace in return?

"I don't believe in a peace without Judea and Samaria."

But that was a political evaluation, not a religious one. And it could be mistaken, couldn't it?

"I fully believe what I just said. I wasn't born yesterday. Secondly, just as there can be no peace without the people of Israel, so there can be no peace without the Land of Israel. It's like someone saying to us: 'Let's make peace — and you commit suicide.' This too would be suicide."

Was he not concerned about Jewish state that was one-third Arab — the so-called demographic problem?

"Was it any different when the State was established? I confess to we don't have an answer to everything, but we have to leave something to the Holy One Blessed Be He. Let the Jews come home, and the Almighty will continue to be with us."

READERS' LETTERS

HIGHLIGHTING DIFFERENCES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your report, "Allon: May differ with U.S. on borders" (April 25) reflects a continuing theme in the public statements of the Israeli Government: highlighting differences with the Carter administration. The record does not justify this approach; more importantly, it is counterproductive.

President Carter's two major statements on the Middle East since he became President — one during Prime Minister Rabin's visit and the other at Clinton, Mass. — articulate the basic coincidence of United States and Israel interests and policies as it has not been stated in many years. Mr. Carter's comments on the quality of peace, the requirement for direct negotiations between the parties, the lengthy process of implementing any agreement, and on Israel's entitlement to real security — all this echoes the words of Israel's own leaders, from Ben-Gurion to the present. Still, all we hear from Israel's representatives today is how and where the two governments differ: on the degree of territorial "adjustment" or "compromise," and on the Palestinian issue.

As to the Palestinians, the President made clear immediately that

his use of the word "homeland" did not have political or status implications. What is more, he used the word "refugees" to describe the Palestinians, a term anathema to them and the Arab governments. But these have been adept enough to play down this word and to seize on what they liked — the homeland term.

The Arabs do not publicize their differences with Mr. Carter — about peace, normalization and America's commitment to Israel's security — although what he said about these issues is much harder for them to swallow than the vague comments he made about borders and Palestinians are for Israel.

The Arabs seem quietly receptive to Carter, while Israel bristles and highlights its differences with his statements. It is impossible, because public postures have a way of influencing events and attitudes. There is plenty in President Carter's announced policy for Israel to associate itself with fully and gladly, and thus to refurbish the tarnished image of the deep coincidence of interests and of the special relationship between the two countries.

ROBERT E. GOLDMANN
New York.

THE LAND OF ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The conflict over the so-called "administered territories" is being fought out on the public relations front as a battle between defensible borders for Israel and self-determination for the Arabs.

Israel may regard defensible borders as a matter of life and death and, therefore, non-negotiable. The world, however, will never accept defense needs as an excuse for denying another people their rights of self-determination. Defense is a negotiable issue. It can be secured by arms, treaties and alliances or by combinations of these elements. Self-determination, however, is deemed a non-negotiable right in the international forum. Like freedom of conscience, it has an aura of sanctity that sets it above too sharp scrutiny. Americans are especially sensitive to a denial of the right of self-determination to any people.

In truth, the reluctance of most

Israelis and of all Zionists to give up any part of the administered areas rests on a much deeper foundation than mere defense requirements. All of the presently held territory is the Land of Israel — the Promised Land for which Jews have yearned for 2,000 years. Our historical-Biblical claim to Nabulus, Hebron and Jerusalem is surely as good as our claim to Haifa and Tel Aviv.

The religious-Biblical claim is a non-negotiable claim. It may not be universally accepted, but it is universally respected — when the claim is made in sincerity. Balance in the public relations struggle can be re-established only by opposing the non-negotiable claim of self-determination with an equally strong or stronger non-negotiable claim. Without re-establishing such balance, Israel's eroded public relations image will be irreversibly damaged.

REUBEN E. GROSS
Staten Island, N.Y.

DISTORTION OF FACTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — When the Israeli Foreign Ministry's Information Services published "Facts about Jerusalem, 1971" and "Jerusalem — issues and perspectives" in 1971 and 1972, many voices were raised in protest about the distortions and inaccuracies contained in these two publications. It is therefore regrettable to note that the new third edition of "Jerusalem — issues and perspectives" contains many of the same mistakes and more inaccuracies.

Here are a few examples from scores: "Al-Fajeh" is not a weekly as stated on page 25, but a daily. There is no Labour council in East Jerusalem (page 22), but Arabs in East Jerusalem come under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem Labour Council. Before 1967, the East

Jerusalem Municipality was headed by an East Jerusalem personality (Ruhel Khatib), not by a Jordanian, as stated on page 23 and Moslems of Jerusalem do not have "religious autonomy no less than the Jews" (page 28). A Jerusalem Moslem has to get his marriage certificate from the Sharia Court in Jaffa, not in Jerusalem, which the Israeli authorities do not recognize.

Does such a distorted publication really increase the credibility of our claim?

GIDEON WEIGERT
Jerusalem.

A copy of the above letter was sent for comment to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on March 13, but no reply has been received to date. Ed. J.P.

DANGEROUS CROSSING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We give up. For the past five years, we have tried orally and in writing to get the Municipality, the Egged Bus Company, the Traffic Department and the Police to put up a pedestrian-crossing sign in front of the Armenian Convent, to diminish the speed at which buses and cars whiz through the very narrow tunnel-like arches, and to put up signs indicating the existence of a school in the vicinity, and we have failed.

There are 380 school-children who come and go several times a day in this area and we are always worried about them.

HAIG TORKOMIAN
Armenian Convent

Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Municipality replies: Road conditions at this spot do not permit a zebra crossing as it would give pedestrians a false sense of security because of the limited field of vision of drivers due to curves in the road. However, we have put up signs calling drivers' attention to the presence of children and urging caution.

The Jerusalem Municipality has no legal authority to limit speed, which is 50 kms. per hour within municipal boundaries.

RAFI DAVARA,
Spokesman

Jerusalem.

"TEFAHOT"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We were surprised to see the headline of your article of March 23, "Less take part in Tefahot schemes." On the contrary, during the last few months, we have witnessed a continued increase in the enrolment to "Tefahot 90", which is the dominant savings scheme for housing.

The figures given by your reporter relate to the Ministry of Housing schemes which have been closed to new savers and thus are shrinking due to the natural withdrawals of accounts that reach maturity.

GIDEON EIGER,
Executive Deputy Director General, "Tefahot," Israel Mortgage Bank, Ltd.

Jerusalem.

CULTURAL TIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your article, "Israel-French cultural ties are expanded" (May 3), you report that, at a press conference at the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel, "d'Ornano and Allon spoke of the improved relations between their two countries... Allon, however, pointed to the differences between the two countries concerning the Palestinian problem, etc..."

Since Mr. Allon did not participate in Mr. d'Ornano's press conference, he could not, therefore, have made the declaration attributed to him.

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